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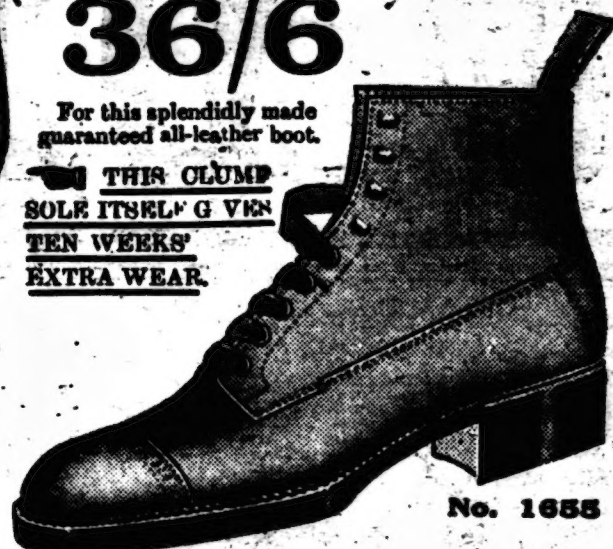
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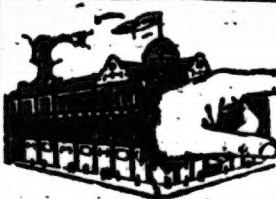
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Week ending Saturday, November 13th, 1920.

Twopence.

"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Labour Losing.

Labour has lost heavily at the Municipal Elections, as will also be the case at The Wrekin. Her day is not yet.

The Wrekin Election.

So it is to be a straight fight between General Townshend and Charles Duncan! Ever seen Landseer's picture of Dignity and Impudence?

A Bad Simile.

And this reminds us that General Townshend's campaign has now started in real earnest. Everyone is congratulating us upon having secured his adhesion to the Independent policy, although we observe that the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* is shocked at the idea that we should be his "stage manager." Our contemporary overlooks the important fact that the Independent group does not consist of actors.

The Editor at Oxford.

We have been honoured with an invitation to be the principal speaker at the Oxford Union Debating Society, on Thursday, Dec. 2nd. We are told that we may expect a record house.

An Ill-timed Wedding.

Surely there is no truth in the announcement that the Hon. Ivy Spencer is to be married to Mr. Cecil Brassey at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster—situated in the Abbey grounds—on Armistice Day? We suggest that either the ceremony should be postponed or transferred to another venue.

An Ungracious Sentiment.

Several ex-Service men have called our attention to a recent article in the *Saturday Review*, and in which—apropos of unemployment amongst them—our contemporary is cynical enough to say: "By all means let us find them employment if we can, but do not let us talk nonsense about a debt of honour." Perhaps, however, the *Saturday* meant that the debt should be made a legal one.

Bravo, Miners!

So the strike is settled. Had the Government acted with a little more imagination it ought never to have occurred. As Mr. Clynes very pertinently remarked, "Our present Ministers are altogether lacking in knowledge of psychology." On the whole, the miners have behaved splendidly, and although at the outset we did not all realise the force of their claims, their moderation and restraint during the crisis won them our respect.

The Indian Viceroyalty.

We are in a position to say definitely that Mr. Montagu will *not* be offered this post—which is tidings of comfort and joy.

A Compliment Indeed.

According to the Rev. A. E. Whitham, of Leeds, "Christ in manner and method spoke more like Bernard Shaw than like an Archbishop, and very much more like JOHN BULL than the *Spectator*." Now if we had said that!

Another Convert.

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, who has for some time past been showing his teeth in the House, has now crossed the floor and will in future "support the Government when he thinks it is in the right and oppose it when he thinks it is in the wrong." That is the policy of the Independents.

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Free Coupon on page 111. of Cover.

Wake Up, England!

Did you notice that recent advertisement of the Smith-Eisemann Corporation of America, giving a long list of steamers upon which it has recently shipped American steel to all parts of the world? "Smith-Eisemann" is distinctly good.

Poor Montenegro!

Our latest reports from Montenegro are to the effect that Serbian atrocities are still rampant, and that in the district of Dibra alone, quite recently, 4,000 houses were burnt to the ground. We are afraid that the gallant little country is paying a sad price for her devotion to the cause of the Allies—and we are very much tempted to repeat that historic poster of ours.

The "JOHN BULL" Boxers.

Don't forget that the first batch of boys from the JOHN BULL Boxing Camp at Herne Bay make their appearance at the Albert Hall, on Friday, November 26th, when, amongst other items, Bermondsey Billy Wells, Mike Honeyman and Tal Jones—three British champions—will be taken on. Let 'em all come! By the way, what a fine group of the Boys that is which appears in this week's *Boxing*.

America and the League.

The election of Mr. Harding means the death-knell of the League of Nations so far as America is concerned—and without the United States what power can the League ever exercise?

Deutschland Souvenirs.

We hope shortly to be in a position to announce the definite date for the breaking up and sale of the great German submarine. Meanwhile, interesting souvenirs, guaranteed made of her metal, are obtainable at all the JOHN BULL Pen Depots.

Death's Mysteries.

On another page is an important announcement respecting a remarkable series of articles about to appear in our Sunday contemporary, the *National News*, from the pen of Dr. Ellis Powell, on the Mysteries of the Beyond. Next to Sir Oliver Lodge, Dr. Powell is the leading authority upon occult science, and his revelations will undoubtedly create a stir.

Those War Criminals.

Apparently no steps have been taken by the Government to prevent the German war criminals from getting out of the country. The responsibility, we are told by the Attorney-General, "rests with the German Government and the High Court at Leipzig." We are further assured that "the British Ambassador is fully seized of the matter." What about "seizing" the accused?

The French Loan.

What a lot our Government could learn in the way of propaganda by emulating the example of the French in connection with their latest Loan! There is scarcely a tree on the Boulevards which does not exhibit appeals for subscriptions, whilst upon the tables in every fashionable restaurant booklets are placed containing forms of application, and many of the principal business premises also show illuminated advertisements.

Ten Years Ago.

From JOHN BULL, November 12th, 1910: "One of the most interesting controversies of the immediate future will be concerned with the comparative advantages of airships and aeroplanes. Supporters of the former are said to be dwindling, especially as they can no longer point to greater assurance of safety. All the same, an airship seems to be more practical for locomotion and warfare, in view of its travelling greater distances and carrying more passengers. But at present the whole thing is in its infancy, and we can do little more than 'wait and see.'" And we saw!

Local Limerick.

(At Doncaster Police-court, a labourer pleaded that he had married his aunt.)

There's a Doncaster man who, as he says,
Finds his outlook on life gone to pieces;
The thing went aslant
When he married his aunt,
For his kids would be nephews and nieces.

Beer and Whisky Bill.

Judging by the statement of Mr. Fisher in the House of Commons, the Government are at last agreed on their Licensing Bill. It is to be hatched, or addled, this session of Parliament. Gossip is that, although it represents a compromise between pumpuritans and moderates, the moderates on the whole have it. Nobody wants the country to go back to pre-war conditions in the drink trade; present restrictions are, however, preposterous and irritating.

Debarred.

Men recommended by Labour Exchanges for Government appointments are feeling sore that their applications are turned down on the ground that they have not served the Colours overseas, though their exclusive home service was due to no desire or fault of their own. In some instances only illness kept them back. It is very difficult to know what to say in such a matter. We do, however, feel that those who have done the fighting should be first chosen for the jobs.

In the States.

In certain cases American juries apportion the punishment to be awarded. After a trial lasting 14 days, the jury that found guilty John Haguewood, of Quitman, Missouri, awarded a life sentence. The amazing beast was charged with "attacking" an orphan girl, aged only 12, whom he had adopted from a home. That was about four years ago, and the child, with a baby in her arms, was the principal witness against him. Such sentences should go far to prevent crimes of that atrocious character and might be copied over here.

Preferential.

Seaton, in Devon, is all agog concerning the appointment of a creature, named Attlee, a "conchy" who was interned in Wandsworth and Wormwood Scrubbs prisons, as Secretary of the local Famine Area Children's Hospitality Committee. As Attlee is quite distasteful to Seaton people, it is hard to understand why the Committee gave him the appointment. If everybody in this country had the conscience of Attlee, by now the Huns would be all over Seaton and treating the people as "pig-dogs."

Cox's Case.

The Lord Chief Justice was grotesquely unhappy in wondering "how much dearer milk would be if the farmers had to strain all germs and other things from it." Common sense and common safety demand that the farmer should do precisely that thing, and be compelled to do it. In the case of Thomas Cox, of Ryde, it was averred that milk purchased from him "contained small particles of dung and cotton wool and wool particles, and was swarming with bacteria." How they got there may be a question; that they ought not to have been there no sane citizen will question at all. We do not doubt that thousands of British men, women, and children are murdered by milk every year.

Ominous.

Christmas is coming. It has been here before, but we know it is coming again because it is announced at large in the newspapers that there is a horrible shortage of pudding fruits, the inevitable preliminary to the news that in consequence of the same prices will soon be higher. God bless you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!

"The Menstruous Regiment of Women."

It is not surprising that there is unrest and revolutionary mutterings amongst unemployed ex-Service men who have been discharged from Government Departments on account of "reduction of staff," when they read of 2,000 women sitting at the Crystal Palace for an examination for permanent posts in the Civil Service. It is a strain on their chivalry as well as their loyalty.

Hard Cheddar.

Mr. R. A. Russell, of Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea, served 4½ years with the Colours and was demobilised in July last year with an amputated forearm. His pension of £1 a week being inadequate, he found work with the Pearl Insurance Co.—but had to resign because, in spite of all his efforts, he could make little out of it. He then applied to his local Labour Exchange for the Out-of-Work dole. A Committee subsequently decided to allow payment for three weeks. While awaiting the money he was summoned to another Committee at Dover, and these gentlemen informed him that nothing would be granted "until the new Unemployment Insurance Act came into force." Surely the justice of this is very far to seek?

What's the Matter with Football?

By Maxwell Douglas.

Under the above title an amusing mock-symposium of the views of prominent personalities on the First League match between Chelsea and Woolwich Arsenal appears, together with the rest of the week's best wit and humour, in picture, prose and verse, in next Tuesday's

PASSING SHOW

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In and Out of the Docks.

This is the sort of story that distresses us. A man from the Navy tramped London and the country for work. In August he felt lucky to be taken on at the Docks, but his luck lasted only five days. Then the Port of London Authority told him he must finish, until registered. He sent his forms in, waited 26 days for a reply, and then learned that the Committee of the P.L.A. regretted it could not register him. We wonder why? Were his services in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea considered a deterrent?

Blood and Coal.

By his attack from his pulpit on the coal-owners, the Vicar of St. Peter's-in-Thamet, Broadstairs, slanders a most capable, careful, and industrious body of men—the mining engineers. The other Sunday he told his congregation that the coal they use is stained with blood owing to the callous conduct of mine-owners, who think more of their dividends than of the lives of men. It is a pernicious exaggeration; to say the least; there are not wanting owners who will resent it as a damned lie. The colliery manager, not the owner, is responsible for the safety of the pit, and to the best of his ability he takes all means to secure it.

Tut! Tut!

Why on earth the London County Council should have inspired itself to name a street in the Isle of Dogs Thermopylae Gate is one of the mysteries of this fleeting life. It is Greek to a lot of us, but to a large number of the citizens of no mean city it will be something they can't pronounce and don't want to.

"Getting the Bird."

Those talking parrots that don't talk, from Chapman of Birmingham, seem familiar to other readers besides the one whose doleful tale we have already told. One man paid £7 10s. for a "talker" that does not even say "Hello!" Another victim bought a bird, guaranteed to talk, on three months' trial. At the end of four months Polly only screamed. Chapman does not do as much as that, for he has ignored a request to change the bird.

In the Barber's Chair.

Our Tame Barber has expressed in no uncertain terms his satisfaction that the "Grand Hairdressing Competition" organised by *La Société du Progrès de la Coiffure*, and to be held on Nov. 18th, at the Hotel Cecil, will be "open to all except to those of ex-enemy origin." "Anythink to put the breeze up the Boche barbers!" he declared, adding that he will be present to give his brothers of the comb and brush a few tips on the art of talking.

"Hard—Very Hard!"

That was a pathetic story told by an old man to the Magistrate at Tottenham. He has lived in his house for 34 years, and now, too aged for work, existing with his Old Age Pension on 12s. 8d. a week, he is in dire distress. For his rent has been raised from 6s. to 9s. 4d. It puts him over the border-line, on which he has long dwelt, into the land of starvation. He got no help from the Bench; he must pay the rent or go. And he sobbed, "It's come to it at last—the workhouse, after all these years! It's hard—very hard." And who shall gainsay him?

Bank Messengers.

One of the picture papers has printed a photo over the words:—"A New Role. Women bank messengers at the British Bank of South America. . . Their efficiency is all that can be desired." Not "all"—not by a long chalk. The position of bank messenger is best and most capably filled by an ex-Service man of good character. In fact, in other days most of the messengers were old army or navy men. The picture of those young women garbed in half-manly attire is by no means nice to look upon.

Shocking the Pastor.

Pastor Harrison's piety is altogether too petty. This rev. gentleman occupies the pulpit of Union Row Congregational Church, Handforth. The Young Men's Class held a "Social and Fancy Dress Dance" in aid of bazaar funds. To enable the adult judges to have a better idea of the costumes, two large acetylene lamps were turned on and off the dancers. In a moment of darkness in walked the pastor, placed an embargo on the proceedings and insinuated that the diminished lighting was improper. The "Social" was in charge of the teacher of the Class, supported by his wife. Mr. Harrison's preposterous insinuation has so offended the young men that they have left the church. And no wonder.

Local Limerick.

(A Paris scientist announces his discovery of millions of microscopical eyes all over the human epidermis.)

There's a tip from Parée; have a bit on it,
For these are the lines we have writ on it—
Though it sounds a mad caper,
If you'd read the day's paper,
To do so you'll soon have to sit on it.

Gratitude.

While strolling by the river with his wife on 9th September last, Mr. J. Oxford rescued three persons from drowning in the Thames. They were a man, a woman, and a girl. Actually he rescued them twice, for after he had got them into their boat it capsized and he had to do his work all over again. According to a friend of his, not one of the rescued has sought out Mr. Oxford, or sent him a line of thanks. All the clothing he had on at the time is ruined.

The Old Cottage.

In the little village of Llanllugan, Montgomeryshire, are but a few cottages, just a handful. Two of them have been condemned by the Sanitary Inspector, and Closing Orders served on two respectable families, who must clear out within a month—with nowhere to go for shelter. The first thought is that such ejectments should never occur in winter. The next is that, in the case of dilapidated buildings, the Order made should not be on the tenants to clear out, but on the landlord to make the necessary repairs.

"Syrup."

Evidently Abram Lyle and Sons, the syrup people, did not fail to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest our criticisms on their refusal to allow grocers to sell their commodity below a certain price. They have now notified the trade:—"We have temporarily withdrawn the fixed retail prices, so that, until further notice, retailers are free if necessary to accept any price they may think desirable." From the ironbound figure of 2s. per lb. to "any price" you like, is remarkable in the way of a come-down. But quite satisfactory.

Allotments.

If Sir Alfred Mond has his way, the doom is sealed of allotments under his control. Begged for a respite in the matter of plots at Primrose Hill, Hampstead, he declined to depart from his most august decision "to terminate on 28th February next the use of the ground so occupied." This is a great pity, for food stuffs are not yet either cheap or abundant. Ground actually belonging to the public in the way of parks and open spaces need not yet be snatched from willing tillers. Land required for building is quite another matter.

On the Naze.

Mr. Nicholson, Town Clerk of Walton-on-the-Naze, and Mr. Barker, member of the Council, bought the Pier Hotel and etceteras for £1,600. They sold part of the cliff slopes for £635, and the Council now proposes to buy the lavatories attached to the hotel for £600. The takings at those lavatories, in the busiest periods, come to 3s. 6d. a day—not enough to pay the attendant. Should this deal come off, Clerk and Councillor will secure their fully licensed Pier Hotel, with its best appurtenances, for £365, and at the same time get rid of a white elephant. No wonder the ratepayers are kicking.

Two Apprentices.

Holyhead Council offers to apprentice as electricians two sons of people who cannot afford to pay a premium. At the recent vacancy, one man who applied on behalf of his boy happened to be an ex-soldier and father of two sons who had served. But he and his were turned down, the free apprenticeships going to the offspring of a couple of local tradesmen with flourishing businesses. It is a scandal to Holyhead.

Filthy Lucre.

Another public official has risen to eminence in the land of his fathers—Mr. H. J. Jennings, the Hackney Carriage Inspector of Godalming. On account of his duties having become next to nothing, he has resigned his position, but has offered his services to the Borough Council free, gratis and for nothing. Mr. Jennings is the sort of official whom ratepayers delight to honour, and if any of them see him passing a hostelry we hope they won't let him pass.

The Pessimist.

We are sorry to see Sir Philip Gibbs, the picturesque war correspondent, among the pessimists. He has been telling the Authors' Club that "unless there is a reconciliation of peoples, Europe is going to die," its end "hastened by that monstrous war which will come upon us as sure as fate within the next twenty years, unless things are altered." Reconciliation, which means pandering to the Hun and letting him have his way for nothing, will not stop the struggle Sir Philip prophesies. Germany will have another gamble with destiny as soon as she can collect her battalions.

A Regrettable Mistake.

By an unfortunate inadvertency, we recently did a serious injustice to Mr. E. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., to whom we ascribed responsibility for a sentence of three years penal servitude passed upon an old man of 70 by the present Recorder of Leeds. In point of fact, Mr. Tindal Atkinson resigned this position nearly 12 months ago and our strictures in so far as they pointed to him were therefore wholly misplaced. It is a little difficult in these times to follow constant changes in the judiciary, and we need hardly say that it was with no personal animus against the late Recorder that the paragraph in question was penned.

Sydney's Slump.

"Some people," remarks the *Sydney Morning Herald*, "say there are 15,000 unemployed in Sydney. Some will tell you 20,000." The figures admitted by the Director of Labour Exchanges are 8,000 unemployed in the city and 3,000 in the country. To prove up to the hilt all we have been saying in warning to British ex-Service men to stay at home, the number of stranded, newly-arrived British ex-soldiers, in addition in some cases to their families, is about 4,000. These are faced with the fact that, strangers in a strange land, they must make shift as best they can, for the Australian Government, by law, cannot find work for them until they have given employment to ex-Australian soldiers, of whom at least 2,000 are after a job in Sydney alone.

Big "Bullets" Prize.

This week we are again increasing the first prize in our "Bullets" Competition. In all over 6,000 prizes must be won. Then why not win one with your "Bullet"? See page 20.



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PUSSYFOOT UNMASKED.

SCOTLAND'S GREAT BLOW FOR EQUALITY AND FREEDOM.

ARGUE as they may, the "Pussyfoot" fraternity can hardly disguise from themselves the fact that the result of the recent Local Veto ballots in Scotland has been a substantial victory for the "Wets." Even the leading Prohibitionist organiser, Lieut.-Col. Kyle, has had to admit that from his standpoint the results are "not as good as was expected," although he consoles himself with the reflection that "a good beginning" has been made. However, for the average Englishman, the interest attaching to the Scottish liquor vote turns less upon the actual figures than upon the machinery of the ballot and the methods employed by the Prohibitionists—who, aided by the American Anti-Saloon Leaguers, hoped to sweep all Scotland into sheepish compliance with their fanatical whims. The pumpuritan agitators started with big advantages. The Scottish Temperance Act, under which the polls were taken, is a nine-year-old measure, admirably devised for the purpose of enabling an active, well-organised minority to impose their will upon the general public, whose apathy in defence of their rights has from time immemorial been gambled upon by the political adventurers on both sides of the Tweed. Add to this that the Scottish Prohibitionists, under the pious inspiration of Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, have for months past been engaged in a whirlwind campaign in which every trick and artifice of the political spell-binder has been employed, and the wonder is that so little success has rewarded the efforts of Colonel Kyle and his Yankee henchmen. Alas for poor Pussyfoot, Scotland does not love the pump!

Since the Scottish Temperance Act may very likely serve as a model for similar legislation in this country, it may be well to consider its main provisions. From the democratic standpoint, its great defect is that it does not, as the friends of Prohibition are fond of stating, place the control of the Liquor Trade in the hands of the public—enabling them to regulate it as they

please. All it does is to offer the electors the bare choice between abolishing or reducing existing licences, and leaving things as they are. Three choices only faced the Scottish electors—Reduction of Licences, No Licences, or No change. Thus, if an intelligent Scotsman happened to hold enlightened views upon the liquor question—he thought, for instance, that more important than the mere number of licences was the general character and atmosphere of licensed premises and the quality of the liquor supplied, he might enjoy the luxury of his opinion, but no opportunity was vouchsafed him for placing it on record. The system in force in Scotland is not really Local Option, which implies a free and unfettered choice, but Local Veto—the favourite weapon of the bigoted teetotal section since the late Sir Wilfred Lawson and his merry men first started out to "rob the poor man of his beer."

This well-worn phrase will no doubt be scoffed at by superior persons as mere political claptrap, but as a matter of fact it exactly represents what has happened in certain districts of Scotland. Remember, there was no proposal before the country to proscribe the manufacture of alcoholic liquors, to prohibit their importation, or even to forbid their consumption in private houses. This sort of "bone-dryness," which for all its absurdity has at least the merits of thoroughness and consistency, was never an issue at the polls. All that was aimed at by the teetotal section was to abolish the retail sale of liquor—that is, in common parlance, to "close the 'pubs.' " The rich man in Scotland, with a normal thirst, had nothing to fear. He need not, and in many instances did not, trouble to walk to the polling-booth. His cellar was in no danger. His wine and liquors and whisky and soda were safe. No Pussyfoot conspiracy threatened the well-stored vaults at his club. Therefore we find, as was to be expected, that in nearly every instance the Scottish districts that voted "Dry" were the residential haunts of the well-to-do

snug and sheltered villadom, glum and genteel suburbia—where as long as the cellar was filled and the club handy, "Licence" or "No Licence" was a question of no account. Over all this Pussyfoot agitation there hangs a similar taint of class distinction—not always studied, perhaps, but inevitable in practice. The object of Prohibition's enmity is not so much "the Drink" as "the Pub." People must not be seen drinking. True, the working man has no facilities for storing liquor, no capital to purchase stocks, no elegant sideboards from which smiling decanters may send out their gleaming invitation, but that, in the language of the period, is "his funeral," as the one or two industrial districts in Scotland, which, through apathy or want of judgment, have allowed themselves to be voted "Dry" may soon find out to their cost.

And, of course, it would be the same in England. To speak of Local Veto on the Scottish model as a democratic system is an abuse of language. All the Scottish Temperance Act does is to allow a bare majority of electors, voting on a particular occasion, to tyrannise over the minority in a matter, not of politics, but of intimate personal habit where the common principles of majority rule have no proper application. The important thing is that the average level-headed English citizen should understand what has happened in Scotland, where, as the result of a frantic agitation extending over many months, a few ill-fated districts have had foisted upon them the sort of bastard Prohibition contemplated by the Scottish Temperance Act. Fortunately, there are other ways, more in keeping with our British traditions of freedom, of combating present abuses and placing the public-house on its proper footing as a place of refreshment and recreation, adapted to the needs of our complex social environment. It is to be hoped that the cold douche administered to Pussyfoot by our canny friends across the Border may have a wholesome and a lasting effect. Let the cranks in England take warning.

DONE WITH, NOW!

EX-SOLDIER'S FAMILY IN DIREST STRAITS.

Here, in her own words, is a struggling wife's pathetic story: "Until he joined the Army, my husband had been in a regular job as a carman. But when he was invalided out of the Service in 1916, suffering from bronchial catarrh, he was not strong enough to return to his work, so he tried to earn a living hawking vegetables. This plan has not been a success because of his very bad health." But more must be told if the plight of this honest ex-Soldier man is to be fully portrayed. There are eight children under the age of 14, and for many weeks past the whole family have occupied a room over a stable at Fulham—hardly fit for human habitation, yet with the supreme advantage that it could be had rent free. In this bare garret they had just managed to cheat starvation. Almost by accident, this terrible tale of distress, lightened only by the evidence of an ex-soldier's brave struggle with adversity, and the simple heroism of a wife and mother, was brought to the notice of the Mortlake Magistrates when one of the youngsters was bound over on a charge of throwing a stone and breaking the wind-screen of a motor-car. Let us hope that the publicity given to the case may result in something tangible being done, officially and otherwise, for this gallant ex-soldier, bruised and battered in his country's cause. And, unfortunately, he is not the only one so suffering.

A WANTON OUTRAGE.

BRUTAL BEHAVIOUR OF A NAVAL PATROL.

As a general rule, the police are quite well able to look after their own interests—but we cannot refrain from a word of commendation to P.C. Sartin, of Weymouth, for his straightforward protest against the brutal conduct of a local naval patrol. The matter arose in connection with a charge of drunkenness preferred against Mr. Edward Rosling, a civilian, and it was clear from the outset of the proceedings that the patrol, in charge of Lieut. C. J. Fell, had been guilty of a gross outrage upon a man whose condition, in the opinion of the police and the Magistrates, had nothing to do with drink. Rosling, it appears, suffers from fits; yet when he was discovered by the naval patrol the best thing Lieut. Fell could think of was to order his men to "frog-march" the poor fellow to the police station, where the trained intelligence of the officer-in-charge speedily discovered that a ghastly blunder had been made. Relating the episode to the Weymouth Bench, P.C. Sartin explained that he remonstrated with Lieut. Fell, who rudely brushed aside his protest, and was not satisfied till the poor fellow had been carried face downwards to the police station, and literally flung into the corridor. This plain tale of savagery elicited no protest from the Weymouth Magistrates. Perhaps the naval authorities may have a truer sense of the requirements of the position.

INSANITARY DWELLINGS.

BOROUGH COUNCIL'S AMAZING INDIFFERENCE.

There is a useful clause in the last Rents Act providing that where the rent of a house has been raised on account of repairs and still the premises are not reasonably fit for habitation, the landlord may be deprived by Order of the Court of the increased rent payable. A secondary point of some importance cropped up at Ealing recently, the Town Clerk having refused to allow the Council's Sanitary Inspector to visit houses in the neighbourhood and report upon their condition. The bearing of the matter upon the Rents Act was perfectly well understood, the tenants claiming that, as ratepayers, they were entitled to the services of the Inspector on payment of a 1s. fee—a view which on our reading of the statute seems to have been entirely justified. However, on the matter coming before the Council, the Town Clerk took an extremely high line, intimating that although it was proposed to take Counsel's opinion on the point in question, his own exalted mind was quite made up, and, if he could prevent it, no sanitary certificate would be issued. Finally, the Council decided to allow the Inspector to visit houses whose tenants were so poor as to be unable to afford other expert advice. It is hard to see how such an arbitrary distinction can be justified, apart from the fact that every insanitary dwelling is a menace to health, and a proper object of scrutiny by the Local Authority.

A SHAMEFUL SALARY.

MANAGER WHO WAS TEMPTED AND FELL.

We are sorry for George Green. At Durham Quarter Sessions he pleaded guilty to having falsified the books of Messrs. H. P. Tyler, Ltd., thereby stealing the sum of £29 6s. 11d. Aged 30, in poor health, with domestic difficulties and an invalid mother, he was Manager of Tyler's branch bootshop at Crook. For a while his salary was £2 15s., with certain commission. Afterwards, it was reduced to £2, with commission, but from that commission he never derived any benefit. He first embezzled money as stated, and then ran away, wandering over the countryside until arrested. At Quarter Sessions we are pleased to say that he was bound over and placed on probation. But he is left with the heavy costs of his trial, and he has promised to repay every penny of the money he took. And he has lost his character, otherwise spotless from schooldays. And who is to blame for this dreadful result? George Green, the tempted and despairing? Or shall some portion of that blame be shifted to the shoulders of Messrs. Tyler?

HAMPERING THE EX-SOLDIER.

MILITARY SERVICE A DISQUALIFICATION.

The examinations which have just been held to enable temporary clerks in the Civil Service to qualify for permanent appointments seem to have been formed with the idea of placing as many obstacles as possible in the path of the ex-Service man. A case in point is that of a young fellow in West London, who five weeks after forwarding the required 5s. fee for the necessary entry forms, was coolly informed that as his recent employment as a Supply Clerk at the War Office was technically of a military rather than of a civil nature, he was not eligible for a Civil Service appointment. After some six years of Army service, most of it in an active capacity, the applicant naturally resented this quibbling attitude, more especially as the Commissioners had the impudence to retain the 5s. fee. Such sharp practice seems to be worthier of the firms that figure on our "black list" than of a Government office with the traditions of the Civil Service to maintain.

ROUBLE AND ROBBERY.

MORE ABOUT THE NORTH MISSION SCANDAL.

The Government so far have made not the slightest sign of relenting in their flagrant injustice towards those returned British residents in Russia who lent their money to enable Mr. North to do his splendid work in delivering British prisoners from the hands of the Bolsheviks. We have already made several references to this scandal. The money was provided by loans and lent to the British Committee of which Mr. North was the head—"on the understanding," Mr. E. E. Ryley, Secretary of the Association of British Subjects Repatriated from Russia, says "that they would be repaid in sterling at the Foreign Office, London, at the best possible rate of exchange to guarantee them against loss, as shown on the receipts they hold." Though Mr. North has now been in England five months, the Foreign Office have made no move whatever towards a just redemption of the Government's obligation. Though in May, 1919, when the loans were made, there was a market value of 56 roubles to the £1, the advisers of Lord Curzon offer the preposterous rate of 4,800, asserting that this slide of 56 to 4,800 is founded on the price of bread—which, as a matter of fact, has advanced only eight times. And many of the British residents who lent this money are now on the borderline of penury!

A HARSH RULE.

DRAWING THE VEIL BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD.

Hospitals are rightly proud of their reputation for doing untold good in the most merciful manner. But now and then just one rule seems out of joint. This is so at the Greenbank Hospital, Darlington, where the astonishing restriction is laid down that no child admitted to its wards may be visited, seen, or spoken to by any parent, friend, or relation, except in the case of those on the danger list, when death is expected. The reason avouched for this very hard rule is the allegation that "it upsets the children to see their parents." Surely there is a much stronger argument to the contrary. The child deprived of sweet communion with its parents is likely to fret and to suffer more agitation than would be excited by an occasional visit. The feelings of mother and father, deprived of approach to their loved one, must be poignant, for they can never be sure and certain as to its condition.

THOSE PRISON SCHOOLS.

MAGISTRATES AND A FATHER'S APPEAL.

A veteran of the Empire's wars, with a military record dating from the South African campaign and closing with five years' service in the late war, appeals to us on behalf of his boy, aged 16 years, who, like a good many other youngsters, got a bit out of hand during the father's absence in France. Five years ago the lad got into trouble with the police, and upon a charge of stealing sweets was sent to an Industrial School till he reached his 16th birthday. Before this came the Armistice and the news that the father was home again—whereupon the high-spirited youth waited his opportunity and one day escaped from his prison school, fleeing for sanctuary to his parents' home. At this juncture the father took the straightforward course of reporting to the police his son's return, and waiting upon the Magistrates with an offer to assume full responsibility for his custody and control—but apparently the East Ham Bench have neither sympathy for the natural feelings of parents nor a proper sense of the respect and consideration due to an ex-soldier's loyal record. Spurning the father's appeal, they bundled the poor boy back to his prison for another three years, there to eat his heart out till he arrives at 19 years. "You are making a criminal and a Bolshevik of him," the father adjured the heartless Bench. A not unlikely result!

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MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LAW.—XIII.

SOME PECULIAR CASES IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED.

BY HORATIO BOTTOMLEY, M.P.

THESE recollections would certainly be incomplete without reference to some peculiar cases in which I have been concerned. Some of them have certainly been of an amusing description, whilst others illustrate the pitfalls which beset the path of even the most cautious and experienced of journalists. In the latter category certainly comes the case of a baronet—one of a long line, comprising several bearing exactly the same name. Somebody sent us a newspaper cutting, with an account of the capture and mutilation of a poacher by means of a man-trap on the family estate, but omitted to give the date of the paper in which it appeared—with the result that my contributor wrote a strong paragraph condemning both the inhumanity and illegality of the occurrence. One can imagine the surprise of the worthy baronet of to-day upon finding himself charged with such an offence—as on enquiry it transpired that it was committed by one of his forebears a hundred years ago, when poacher-baiting was a recognised thing! Of course, I made a most handsome apology—and was fortunate in the subsequent action for libel to get off with a farthing damages.

"VENDOR AND PURCHASER."

Another amusing experience was the case of an Italian ice-cream vendor, who purchased the goodwill of a compatriot's barrow in Victoria Park, which is mainly situated in my constituency. It appears that this Neapolitan merchant had carried on business without interference for several years, when he suddenly received an official notice from the London County Council ordering him to quit. The poor fellow understood scarcely a word of English, and he jumped to the conclusion that with its coat-of-arms and other embellishments it was a Royal Warrant, conferring upon him the monopoly of the supply of ices in the Park. News of his good fortune soon got round Saffron Hill, and he was approached by a recently-arrived countryman for the goodwill of the business, which he sold at a satisfactory figure. Imagine the surprise, disappointment and disgust of the new-comer when, a few days later, he was bundled out of the Park by the police. I am sorry that I could offer the poor fellow nothing but "icy cold" comfort—the stand having been sold in perfect good faith, and the lucky vendor having returned to his home in the Sunny South, with the purchase money in his pocket. Whether my friend carried out his intention of demanding the refund of his cash at the point of a stiletto is unknown to me.

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

Needless to say, I have had some strange experiences in the legal Department of JOHN BULL. All sorts of cranks come to me with their imaginary grievances—and occasionally we are honoured with visits from dangerous lunatics, and of course until they are seen it is impossible to distinguish them from the great number of sufferers who really need advice. One of the most remarkable instances was that of a man just released—at the request of his relatives, and against the advice of the Medical Superintendent—from a London asylum, where he had been as a paying patient.

He was so insistent in his demand for an interview that he was eventually shown into my room, where he at once proceeded to flourish in my face an open razor, stating that unless I called off the people who were following him, he intended to "do me in." Fortunately, our offices are equipped for all such emergencies, and whilst inviting him to sit down and "tell me all about it," secret electric signals were at work, which had the effect of bringing a couple of stalwart clerks to the door. Under pretext of directing him to the Solicitor's Department, I conveyed to them, by our office code, instructions to send over to Bow Street for relief; and five minutes afterwards, as I ushered the poor fellow out of the room with assurances that he would hear and see no more of his tormentors, two hefty minions of the law gently took his arms and conducted him downstairs. And I am pleased to say I have not seen him since.

"JOHN BULL'S" FIRST LIBEL ACTION.

Another peculiar experience was in connection with JOHN BULL'S first libel action. We had been attacking a firm of "outside brokers" called Arnold and Butler; and, as we were not overburdened with funds at the time, we naturally became somewhat alarmed when an action for libel was brought against us, and we learned the day before it came on for trial that Mr. Duke, K.C., was to lead for the plaintiffs. "F. E." and I ("F. E." was not such a very big man in those days) duly arrived in Court and waited anxiously for Mr. Duke's opening; and it was with a sigh of relief that we heard him inform the Court that he had decided to call no evidence and consent to a verdict for the defendants. And up to the day before the plaintiffs had been endeavouring to get us to agree to a form of apology and retraction, which they informed us they might be prepared to accept, subject to payment of their costs!

A STRANGE "CONTEMPT" CASE.

Then there was the case of Mr. Beardall, a West-end solicitor, who brought an action against us for libel arising out of our attacks upon the American Cash Register Company. The *Star*, commenting upon the pending trial, said it related to "a very serious libel" upon the plaintiff. We thereupon hauled them up for "contempt of Court," but the Judges ruled that they were justified in so describing the action—ignoring our plea that there was no libel of any kind upon Mr. Beardall. A few weeks afterwards, when the case came on for trial, the jury adopted our view, and the plaintiff's case was dismissed with costs.

DR. CRIPPEN.

I have had some peculiar experiences, too, with alleged murderers. Upon several occasions JOHN BULL has successfully defended them. One case in point was that of Starchfield, whose innocence we were the means of establishing, and with whom I had one or two interesting interviews. We ultimately set him up in business as a newsagent, and I need scarcely say that JOHN BULL always occupied the most prominent position on his stall. Then there was Dr. Crippen. I confess I was not very enthusiastic about him; but, as he was practically penniless, we briefed Counsel on his behalf;

and the fact that he was found guilty did not in any way damp my ardour in the cause of his friend, Miss Le Neve, of whose innocence I was very strongly convinced. We briefed F. E. Smith for her defence, and he had little difficulty in securing her acquittal.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONDEMNED.

Speaking of Crippen recalls a peculiar incident. Whilst he was in prison awaiting execution, his solicitor had an interview with him—of course in the presence of the warders. I was anxious to receive a message from him, but the prison authorities would not permit him to write. In these circumstances, and by deftly turned conversation, however, the solicitor succeeded in obtaining a special message to JOHN BULL, which he wrote down on the back of a legal document, and in due course the communication appeared in our columns. And the solicitor got suspended from practice for his "gross breach of the privileges of the profession." Poor chap!

OTHER MURDER CASES.

Going further back, there was the notorious Peasenhall murder, in connection with which we defended the man Gardiner, who went through the ordeal of two trials, the jury in each case disagreeing, and was ultimately released by the Crown; and again, there was little Ruby Bennett—daughter of the Southend murderer—for whom we got up a subscription of a substantial sum, making her a ward of Court. Upon my word, when I come to think of it, I have had "some" experience of the law, haven't I?

"COSTLY" FARTHING.

I do not know how many libel cases I have been concerned in where I have been mulct in a farthing damages, and upon one occasion I recovered that amount myself in an action in which I was plaintiff and my good friends Mr. Hogge, M.P., and Mr. Pringle were interested on behalf of the defence. As a matter of fact, I never got the farthing, but Mr. Hogge occasionally flourishes it in my face—having had it mounted as a charm. In connection with these farthings, it is important for litigants to bear in mind that they carry with them the full costs of the actions, unless the Judge specially deprives the plaintiffs of them—the rule being that "costs follow the event" in the absence of such an Order.

MY FIRST CASE.

I must not forget to mention my very first experience of the law. As a young man, I bought some books on the monthly payment system, and, having come to the conclusion that I had been "had," I declined to continue the instalments, and thus found myself in the Westminster County Court before a very deaf and touchy old Judge. Conducting my own case, I was enlarging upon the bad quality of the books when his Honour interrupted me, with the remarkable question, "How long did you wear them?" And whilst I was endeavouring to master this strange legal conundrum, there came a further one, "If you have worn the boots, you must pay for them." And that was the end of the case!

(Another instalment will appear next week.)

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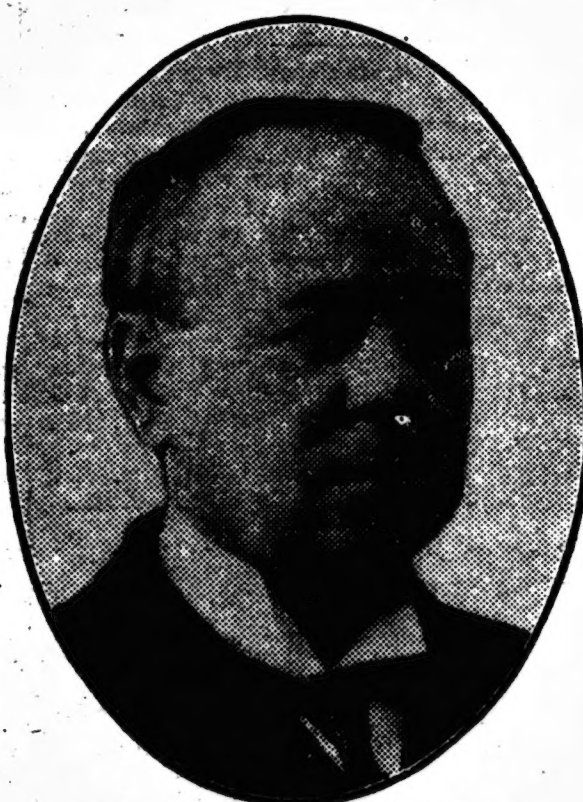
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During his City career Dr. Powell enjoyed the friendship of many of the most distinguished business men, lawyers and publicists of the day. He may be said to have studied life under the guidance of such tutors as Sir George Lewis (the most famous solicitor of our time), Sir Edward Holden, and Sir William Capel Slaughter. He is acknowledged a foremost authority on all the great financial and economic questions that confront us. His "Evolution of the Money Market" is now the standard work on that subject. His "Practical Affairs of Life" has had a reception equal to that accorded to the late Samuel Smiles's "Self Help."

In academic distinction he is a D.Sc. of London University, as well as an Honours Graduate in Law, and a member of the Bar. He was the only man of his year to take two London degrees (LL.B. and B.Sc.) simultaneously. In his profession he is a Fellow of the Institute of Journalists, and was one of the London Delegates to the recent Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa, under



Dr. Ellis Powell, D.Sc. (Lond.), LL.B., B.Sc.

the chairmanship of Lord Burnham. He was for six years a member of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, whose members he has frequently addressed under the chairmanship of men like Lord Strathcona and the late Lord Charles Beresford. In fact Dr. Powell has touched the intellectual interests of the hour at almost every point. He was, for instance, Pitman's expert witness in relation to their own system of

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To the Hon. Mr. Justice Darling, Royal Courts of Justice, London.

MY LORD.—You take a view of Hunland which I am confident most British people do not share. I refer to your remarks in the Court of Criminal Appeal with respect to the German woman Irving, sentenced at the London Sessions to three months' imprisonment and deportation for stealing furs. It is not in question that she has proved herself thoroughly undesirable as a resident in this country, for her means of living is to prey upon it; but you said that it was not right to send her back to her own land, "seeing the condition the country is in." My Lord, Germany is rapidly recovering itself. It is on the boom. Certainly its condition is good enough for any such woman, and I respectfully submit to you that she ought to have been returned—carriage paid, if your Lordship pleases—to the place whence she came.

JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman, U.D.C., Bilston, Staffs.

SIR,—My attention is called to the fact that, despite the admitted house shortage in Bilston, a member of the Council is being allowed to erect a Picture Theatre of new bricks; this notwithstanding that he has already three entertainments running in Bilston and one in Willenhall, a short distance away. I dare say you know much better than I do, Sir, why this lucky and enterprising Councillor enjoys so profitable a privilege. But many Bilston people are exceedingly curious about it.

JOHN BULL.

To Lieut.-Col. Robert Kyle, C.M.G., D.S.O., Managing Director, Waterworks, Glasgow.

MY DEAR BOB,—What a melancholy waterworks you must feel now, you and Pussy! Some weeks ago, when I wrote to P., I made it clear to him that I did not think the Water Co. had a ghost of a chance of becoming a prosperous going concern in Scotland, and my view is very strongly expressed in the polls. I am now hoping that the unalloyed George will perceive in the aspects of the voting what a game of gammon Local Option is, and not endeavour to introduce it south of the Tweed. From what I hear, Glescaie is especially proud of itself the noo; it knows the Pussyfoots to be very small potatoes and few in the row. If you see Pussy himself before he goes home to cure his sore ear, ask him to accept my condolences. The poor chap must have had the shock of his life.

JOHN BULL.

To H. C. Beich, Esq., J.P., Chairman, District Council, Staines, Middlesex.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN.—It is, I think, very discreditable to the "majority of one" in the Council who recently voted, at the instigation of the Surveyor, Mr. G. W. Manning, for the employment of a married woman in preference to an ex-soldier to fill a shorthand-typist vacancy in his office. The decision is all the more astonishing in that the Surveyor admits that his nominee does not even write shorthand. The best case he could make out was that she would be £1 cheaper, and that he could divide that sum among his other clerks, to encourage them in their shorthand studies. Well may the ex-soldier pray for his "daily bread."

JOHN BULL.

To Magistrate Cohen, Toronto.

DEAR YOUR WORSHIP,—Remember Mrs. Margaret Elliott, do you? A poor woman—ill, in debt, about to undergo an operation, mother of two children—she was before you because she "sold one case of liquor" to help meet expenses. Even the ironbound police pitied her. Said the Inspector, "I am told the husband is more to blame than the wife. It does seem a pity that a woman in her position should be made to suffer." It seemed no pity to you. You had none when you sentenced her to pay 500 dollars and costs—or three months. To gaul the poor creature went. This is your "Temperance" Act, revoltingly cruel in its application to a poverty-stricken, sick, and helpless mother.

JOHN BULL.

To Lord Ilkeston, Stipendiary, Birmingham.

DEAR MAGISTRATE,—It is common knowledge that violent language is used in the Bull Ring of your city. Sometimes it is gas and hot air, but the two men charged before you, one a Member of the Guardians and the other a notorious firebrand, both avowed Communists, went further. They deliberately proposed an attack on factories, to loot them and to divide the contents. When brought to book in the Police Court, they promptly ate their own words, even while called to order for their behaviour before the Bench. They kindly offered to say nothing naughty for a period or to be bound over, and you, very injudiciously, took the latter course. The revolutionary and seditious talk indulged in by mob-orators is a disgrace and a menace, and so clear a case as that before you demanded more serious treatment.

JOHN BULL.

To C. E. Wilson, Esq., Town Clerk, East Ham.

DEAR CLERK,—Through you, the Council has given notice that the police are to prohibit stalls on any highway of the Borough after to-day, November 13th. You know this means the ruin of many men from the war who, having lost their situations, turned to the barrow for a living. They sell cheaply and benefit the public. Many are married and fathers of families, but your heartless Council seeks to drive them into the Workhouse. It is your duty to find these struggling hard-workers a market-place for their trade and a stand for their barrows. The injunction to cease trade, to shut up shop, and to starve, is as cruel as it is unmerited.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Robert Morrice, H.M. Prison, Aberdeen.

SIR,—I should have thought that an expert like you would have had more sense and have been more careful. Next time you go burgling, either leave the whisky and the wine alone or take some water with it. Above all, don't mix the goods. It may be easy enough for you to crack a crib—but how do you expect to escape, without the policeman getting you, if you start mopping up a gallon jar of whisky and a bottle of port before you're away with the loot? Don't be so ridic. next time. There you are where you are, doing four months hard because the policeman gathered you in before you could get out. If you want to be a successful burglar, old sport, never drink while on the job. In any case, remember that one over is too many.

JOHN BULL.

To W. Lawrence, Esq., J.P., T. T., K. J., Furniture Manufacturer, Colwick, Notts.

SIR,—While sitting as Magistrate to adjudicate in a number of Sabbatarian persecutions under the obsolete Act of Charles II.—that "merrie monarch, scandalous and poor"—and on being told that a Vicar had opened his grounds for Sunday afternoon games, you interrupted with a cry of "Shame!"; when it was mentioned that the Bishop of Birmingham advocated Sunday games you retorted that the Bishop mistook his calling. As a pumpuritan and a killjoy everybody in Nottingham knows you have not mistaken yours, and these Sunday trading persecutions seem to be one of the joys of your holy heart. They arise out of puritanical intolerance, and the Act of 1677, under which they become possible, would be a dead letter but for a handful of bigots who from time to time revive it.

JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair

General Townshend.

Goo' mornin', sir . . . 'Air cut? Yessir. Jest orf to The Wrekin, General' . . . Do I know 'oo you are? Cert'n'y. As soon as you said "'air cut" it come to me. "Kut," I ses to meself. "Thet's 'oo 'e is! The 'ero of Kut!" An' I remembered seein' your picsher in the papers. W'en pore Charles Palmer died, I wondered 'oo would take 'is seat an' carry on the good work 'e started. An' then I 'eard that you was goin' to fight the by-election. I went out an' 'ad a drink on the strength of it. I wish yer luck. Will it be a walk over? . . . You don't want one? Thet's the soljer speakin'.

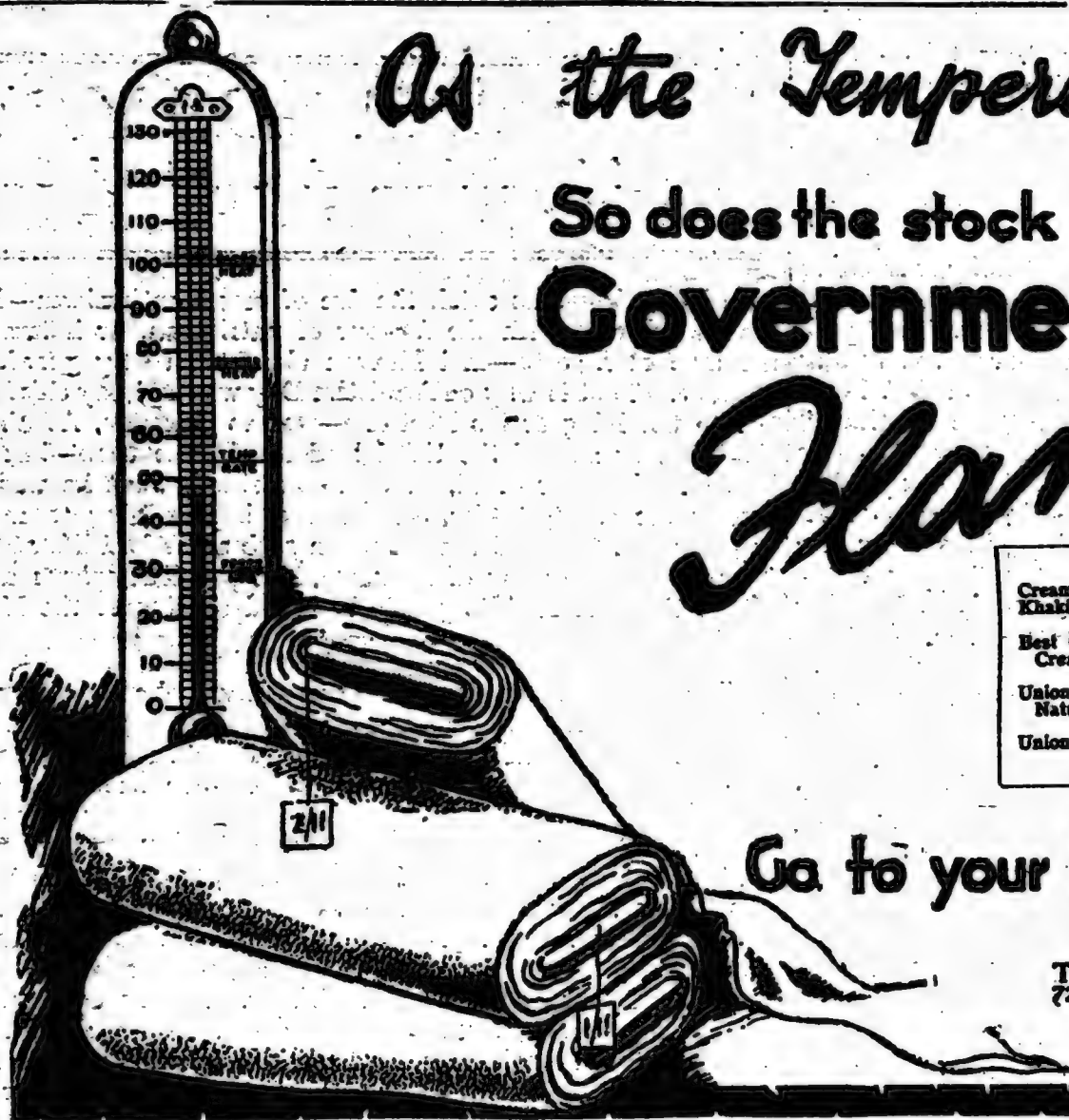
Minjer, I don't-know 'oo's goin' to stand against you, but if it's Duncan, the Labour chap, you ought to romp 'ome easy. I cut 'is 'air larst

Febuuary, before the election, an' as good as told 'im then 'e didn't stand an earthly . . . 'Ow did I 'appen to cut 'is 'air? Well, you see, 'e's a bit of a toff in 'is get up, an' I s'pose 'e didn't care to trust a Wrekin barber. In 'is election address 'e sed 'e assisted in ev'ry way to 'elp win the war. But I never 'eard as 'e did any fightin'. Thet's w'ere you'll come in, General.

You've got a record of fightin' service. You was given an impossible job to do with less than 'arf enough men, an' becos' you couldn't do the impossible, or becos' of some 'idden reason wot's kep' from the public, an' looks like dirty work at the Wore Office, you 'aven't bin given credit for the fine work you did do. But I'll guarantee thet wot W'ite'all 'ave refused to do for you,

the electors o' The Wrekin will more than make up for. They'll be proud to call Townshend o' Kut their Member. You an' Bottomley in the 'Ouse oughter make the fur fly! . . .

If the Wrekin electors on'y look at it in the proper light, they've got one o' the greatest opportunities in their 'ands wot's ever bin given to a constituency. They chose Charles Palmer becos' 'e was independent, and 'eld upright an' down straight perlitical views, an' they've got the chance to confirm their selection an' support of non-Party an' Business policy by electin' you in 'is place. If they let you lose, they'd be makin' fools o' themselves. . . . So I wish yer luck, General, an' I on'y wish I could come down to The Wrekin and lend you a 'and. I sh'd feel I was doin' somethink . . . Goo' day, General! I'm very much erbliged I'm shore. . . .



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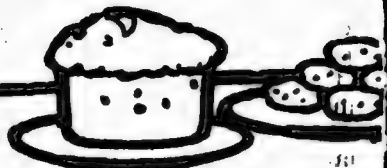
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THIS issue—"for the week ending November 13th"—will be in the hands of our readers by Thursday, November 11th, Armistice Day; and, together with thousands of our fellow-citizens, we shall be present at the solemn and sacred ceremony of the unveiling of the London Cenotaph and the Great Silence in memory of the Glorious Dead. It will be two years since the clash of arms and the roar of cannon ceased; and, although upon such an occasion our thoughts naturally soar above controversial and purely mundane things, we cannot disguise our deep regret that, instead of celebrating an Armistice, the church bells are not pealing out the anniversary of a final and victorious peace. I recall those words of General Townshend in that letter of his which we published last week, telling how "the Politicals" interfered with military strategy; and just as they "let him down" in his march to Baghdad, they also frustrated the complete triumph of our arms when Haig and Foch had the enemy at their mercy—when, in the words of that famous Despatch from our own Field-Marshal, they were "neither in the position to give battle or retreat," and a swarm of super-aeroplanes was ready to lead our invincible armies in an irresistible march upon Berlin. But we will not dwell upon these things—they are part of the tragic history of the past, and, for the moment, it were better to forget them. Let us rather concentrate our thoughts upon the higher symbols of Thursday's ceremony. *Let us have a Day with the Dead.*

The Tribute.

Within a few hours from now, all England and the Empire through will be paying its tribute of grateful remembrance to our War Heroes—to the men who, in a deep and mystic silence: that our own hushed activities but faintly simulate, are resting from labours that saved the soul of Freedom and rescued Civilisation from the clutches of a ruthless foe. This year, the authorities are to be congratulated on having shown a touch of inspired imagination, and of genuine spiritual insight, in their arrangements for the anniversary of the Armistice. The unveiling of the new Cenotaph has been carefully and suitably timed, so that its sculptured dignity may be consecrated at the very outset by our silent homage and devotion—a nobler dedication than any mitred prelate could confer; and then there is to be the burial in Westminster Abbey of an Unknown Warrior from the Western Front—some unnamed hero of those bloody Flanders fights which saved Britain from the foot of the invader and her smiling homesteads from fire and sword. We British are not a demonstrative people; we have not the *flair* for the great occasion that distinguishes our French Allies, or even the genius for public celebration possessed by a section of the American people; yet I venture to predict that, as the Unknown Soldier passes to his hallowed resting-place, we shall all, without distinction of creed or temperament, be stirred to the depths of our being—not so much by the simple spectacle itself, as by all it typifies of sublimity and sorrow, pride and sadness, joy and pain. For this Unknown Warrior belongs to all of us; he is bone of our British bone, our kinsman in flesh and spirit, no matter what his hidden name and degree. Not by the accident of birth, but in the fierce ordeal of death he won his patent of nobility, than which there is none more illustrious on the Roll of Fame.

Humble Heroes.

It is a wise inspiration which reminds us at this juncture that the war was won, not by the special genius of individuals—naval or military commanders, statesmen, diplomats—but by the common heroism and devotion of a free people, needing only courageous leadership to guide their footsteps to the summit of glory. And have you noticed that as often as the British people have had their energies enlisted in any noted cause, they have thrown up a leader as from hidden reservoirs of genius—or, in the common phrase, "The Hour has produced the Man"? For a Man we have all been waiting since the war. One such as he who rests in that flag-draped coffin. One from the robust atmosphere of British democracy—it is from the heart and mind of the common citizen, from the Man-in-the-Street, and the Woman-in-the-Home, that the motive power of every great national movement is derived. You cannot drill or dragoon the British people into any great course of action; but

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By THE EDITOR.

once let their spirits catch the fire of moral enthusiasm—let their souls be stirred with the fervour of patriotism, or inflamed with the love of Liberty—and Heaven alone shall fitly guerdon their sacrifice. That is why on Armistice Day we shall pay chief respect, not to the King or his Ministers—not to Generals, Admirals, Air Marshals, or any of the titled leaders of the nation—but to this Unknown Warrior of whom we know simply that he was a Man among the greatest—for, had he not been willing to make the supreme sacrifice, had not a million such as he laid life and all its treasures on the altar of Freedom, this proud Empire must have bitten the dust and its people been led captive to the Hun.

Sad Disillusionment.

The man who on Thursday can witness the unveiling of the Cenotaph and the solemn procession to the Abbey without feelings of the deepest solemnity must be unworthy of his place in the ranks of British citizenship. Two years ago, when the "Cease Fire" order stayed the red torrent of death and destruction on the Western Front, what high hopes we entertained of the "glory that should be," now that the savage foe lay prostrate in the dust! This was "Peace," we told each other—Peace, the long-desired Peace—earth's greatest boon. Two years ago!—yet to-day the gentle goddess remains as ever an elusive figure, while across whole Continents there trails the spectre of War. Let us confess frankly that we are cruelly, brutally disappointed. For what did we tell those boys of ours whom we sent out to hold the frontiers of Freedom? We said, in our eager haste, that this was "a war to end war"; that it was to eventuate in such a settlement of the world's affairs as would eliminate or reduce to a bare minimum the risk



REMEMBERED—AND FOR

WITH THE DEAD.

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By THE EDITOR.

of future strife, lift the crushing burden of armaments from the shoulders of the European peoples, and open up for all sections of the population new vistas of prosperity, new avenues of happiness, new hopes of comfort and security, especially for the returning soldier—comrades of this Unknown Warrior, who—we swore it on our consciences before high Heaven—were never, never, NEVER to regret the patriotic choice that swept them into khaki at the great bugle call. God! how these lavish promises come crowding back upon the mind as Armistice Day approaches; as we make ready to bow before the Cenotaph; to humble ourselves before the Unnamed Soldier's bier! Truly it will be well for us if, at the same time, we open a solemn Court of Conscience, at the bar of which each man shall arraign himself, with the Unknown Warrior for accuser and his own heart as judge. How far have we discharged our debt to the Glorious Dead? What has been the nature of our dealings with the brave survivors? Have they had an honest deal? Have we won the Peace as they with manful courage won the War? Or have we been slack and slothful, sunk in apathy, tacitly condoning the neglect of the Government to keep faith with the men who staked everything upon our plighted word?

A Court of Conscience.

I am in no cavilling mood, and am ready to make every allowance for the frailties of human nature, for the inevitable disillusionment following the excitement of war—and even for the mistakes of Ministers in circumstances of unparalleled difficulty. Yet, when all is said, and every plea in extenuation duly entered, I am afraid that upon many counts of the indictment the verdict

of the Court of Conscience will be "Guilty!" We shall need to crave forgiveness at the Unknown Warrior's hands. For the sentiments appropriate to the celebration of Armistice Day must not blind our perceptions to the facts of the existing situation. Up and down this country to-day, thousands of men who fought gallantly to save the name of Britain from dishonour are asking questions that no patriot dare ignore; the answer to which no fair-minded citizen can shirk: "What did we fight for, after all?" "Is this the way the nation redeems its promises?" "Was this what they meant when they talked to us about the Promised Land?" How are we going to answer such questions as these?—yet answer we must, in some fashion, or accept dishonour. Look at it in this way. It is two years since, for practical purposes, the war ended, yet to-day a visitor from another planet might imagine the guns had never ceased to echo across the Old World's devastated plains. As I said when Mr. Lloyd George talked of making this country "a land fit for heroes to live in," there is something more even than that—to make it a land fit for heroes to have died for! Have we done that yet? Is there any answer but one, and that fraught with a condemnation that none of us can wholly escape?

Mute Accusation.

Supposing that on Thursday the Unknown Soldier should not, after all, be buried in Westminster Abbey, but only the body that once he inhabited—and that in very truth his gallant "soul" should "go marching on," endowed with vision—clear-eyed, searching, critical—piercing through our evasions and pretences, penetrating to the very core of truth. Suppose we were conscious of this ghostly inspection. Should we be comfortable beneath that earnest gaze? Should we smile up at him in candid recognition, or should we blush and hang our heads with shame? If this Unknown Soldier lives, as in some mystic fashion I believe he truly does, we may imagine the kind of survey he would make. The circumstances of the ex-soldier and sailor, and of the widows and dependents of the fallen; the general well-being of the masses of the people, from among whom the great bulk of our Armies were drawn; the extent to which in the community at large Goodwill has replaced Strife, and the spirit of War been ousted by the gentle harmonies of Peace—these surely are the things to which this Unnamed Soldier would direct his inquiries. And I am afraid that, as we gazed into his eyes as I did into the eyes of some of those brave, dying lads in France, we would see there a reproach before which the most hardened conscience would be stung with remorse and shame. This is the thing that should be uppermost in all our minds on Armistice Day—our solemn Debt to the Dead. Only a fraction of it has yet been paid. Our debt to the Dead—yes, and to the living: to those whose hearts will be sad with freshened grief as they gaze upon the unveiled Cenotaph, and to those others—to the men in every walk of life—who would have died as gallantly as the Unknown Warrior if Duty had demanded the ultimate sacrifice. All these are our creditors. With blood the bond is sealed. Dishonour it, and we are dishonoured for ever—our good name gone; the fair fame of Britain a byword in the earth.

Renew Our Vows!

Unless at the eleventh hour we can contrive to sink our differences, to abolish the hateful feud between Capital and Labour, and to make a concerted effort to repair the enduring ravages of war—unless at this solemn moment we are prepared in complete honesty to renew our vows to the Dead and to shoulder our obligations to the living, then never again—whatever the magnitude of the crisis, no matter what the menace to the things we hold most dear—shall we be able to call upon the manhood of Britain to rally in defence of King and Country. In the eyes of all humanity we shall be eternally forsworn. In the silence of Armistice Day let these reflections sink into our minds. As the Unknown Warrior passes to his rest, let us swear before God that no Government and no Party claim—no obstacles rooted in faction or created by self-interest, no unworthy passion, no miserly counting of the cost—shall stand in the way of complete atonement for the past and earnest effort for the future. Then we shall not have spent a Day with the Dead in vain.



BERED—AND FORGOTTEN.

BRIGHTON Education Committee has appointed a V.C. as School Attendance Officer, at a salary of £100 a year, plus £92 8s. war bonus. Many Corporation dustmen and tram drivers are nearly as well off, but the gallant ex-soldier will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that he is wealthy compared with some teachers.

Pocket Lunches.

A new and common sight can be observed at lunch hours in the popular teashops, which a little time ago would have excited marked comment. Young Middle-Class women—men too—order coffee, tea or cocoa, and eat surreptitiously from a paper bag, fearsome all the time of the scorn of beholders, especially the waitresses. There is the shame of not being able to spend more, prices being what they are. Yet they have no other way of getting something hot with their pocket luncheons. To such people a widespread adoption of Prebendary Carlile's church-restaurant plan would be an inestimable boon—just somewhere to go, to eat a humble sandwich and procure a cup of tea.

Cheaper Clothing.

Middle Class men are at last making a stand against the exorbitant prices of clothing and boots, and in thousands of families the breadwinner is postponing the purchase of a winter overcoat or warm underwear until prices reach a more reasonable level. Judging by appearances, he will not have long to wait. Of late, the out-fitters' shops have been stacked with suits and overcoats, shirts and footwear, which—if not "at pre-war prices," as the vendors declare them to be—are at least materially below the level of last year. Many tailors and bootmakers have also found it necessary to approach regular customers with the intimation that bargains are to be had. Conditions in the clothing trade prove without a doubt that prices must come down if consumers refrain from buying.



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A Hint to the Church.

Baptists have pledged themselves to raise a quarter of a million in one week, chiefly for the purpose of paying their ministers more. The Church of England is the wealthiest and most powerful religious body in the country, and the only one which does not pay its servants a living wage. If the Baptists can collect a quarter of a million in a week, surely the Church of England can raise a far greater sum for the benefit of its numerous servants existing on some £3 a week or less.

SILENT SUFFERERS

INTERESTING MEMORANDA FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASSES.

"GETTING MARRIED."

Under the title of "How Can He Marry?" we recently published a letter from a railway clerk whose income amounts to less than £4 a week. Many readers have since written to say that they themselves are married and are supporting families on even smaller incomes. Other correspondents tell us that they, too, do not see their way to marry on salaries of from £3 to £4 a week. The truth, as so many young Middle Class men and women are realising to-day, is that there is a great difference between *being* married and *getting* married.

To furnish the simplest home, even a couple of rooms, is nowadays an expensive matter. If a young pair cannot, owing to the house shortage, set up a home of their own, they must

CASH AND COMPETENCE.

The London branch of the Compositors' Union is putting forward a demand for a minimum weekly wage of £5, which they contend is in these days "little enough to maintain the dignity of the profession." Contrast this with the following advertisement which recently appeared in the *Times*:—

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have recourse to furnished apartments, which are rarely to be had at a reasonable price. Furthermore, decent citizens are more and more realising that it is unfair both to the community and to the child itself to bring into the world offspring which the parents cannot support in comfort. Even all these difficulties would not constitute such a handicap on marriage if the young Middle Class worker were able to set aside a nest egg while single. But with the present high cost of living, tens of thousands of "black coats" find that impossible, especially if they have had to begin their career all over again after a long interruption by war service. In the circumstances, it is not to be wondered at if men of marriageable age, earning incomes which would have been adequate in pre-war days, are despairing of their prospects of married life.

lack of organisation their skill and knowledge are sweated. One of our readers, who has to be well dressed as he is called on to interview patients when the dentist is absent, receives after three years' service £2 10s. a week. Rooms, coal and light cost him 18s., leaving a weekly income of 32s. on which to keep his wife and himself. And yet, he adds, "some people judge by my appearance that I am well off!"

Fleeing the Worker.

On no class of black-coated worker do the new season ticket rates press more heavily than on the men and women who are compelled to live at some fairly considerable distance from their place of employment. In a typical case which has come to our notice, a clerk earning £104 a year has to pay £21 12s. 6d. for his season ticket, and a further £2 15s. for a bicycle cloak-room ticket. If Sir Eric Geddes had to spend over a fifth of his income in travelling to and from his office, he would possibly have a little more sympathy with the plight of the Middle Class season ticket holder.

Reveries of Learning.

One of our most famous historians, who has for years been engaged on a work of national interest and importance, for which in many other countries he would have received assistance from public funds, finds his task so unprofitable that it is bringing him in less than 14s. a week. It would be perfectly impossible for him to carry on if his wife, who has acted as his secretary, had not opened a shop as a dress designer and house decorator to help him financially, so that he might continue with his labour of love. Thus he hopes to be able to finish five more volumes of his great history of the British Army. Yet the Government is spending thousands of pounds on the compilation of its various "official histories" of the war!



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"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.



Townsend should win, more than a neck in, The by-election race at Wrekin.



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For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

Bread Delivery.

Now that the price of the loaf has been increased to 1s. 4d., isn't it time that the halfpenny extra per loaf for delivery came off? If the newsagent can call six times a week with one's daily paper for one penny, surely bakers can make enough profit without their 8d. or 6d. per week from the working man for the delivery of bread?—G. CARYLL, Magnolia Road, Chiswick, W.

Britain for the Foreigner.

Recently a Dutch shipmaster was fined £27 17s. 6d. at the Grimsby Borough Police Court for smuggling 12 bottles of brandy and a box of cigars—the fine representing triple the amount of the duty. The Magistrate remarked that "had he been a British shipmaster, he would have been dealt with more severely." Surely, if this is the law of England, then it is a gross injustice to our Mercantile Marine.—E. N. MORRIS, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes.

"Patriotic" Cinemagoers.

The film of that notorious German raider, the *Moewe*, was shown at a local Picture House a few weeks ago, and at the conclusion the audience applauded enthusiastically. This week the film showing the Prince of Wales' return home from his Colonial tour was exhibited, and not a single clap was given. Being an ex-bluejacket I wonder why the public seem to appreciate seeing their own countrymen being put under, and if they have any idea of patriotism!—A. L. PRICE, Royles Cottages, Brooklands, Cheshire.

"State Salary Required."

Employers, when advertising a vacancy, should cut out the phrase "state salary." It is a simple matter for an employer to dictate half a dozen letters to a typist, but it isn't a simple matter for a man to write out half a dozen applications, and pay the postage—especially when he knows that probably five of them will go straight to the waste-paper basket, because he hasn't "guessed" the right figure. The employer knows what he intends to pay, and if he would state frankly the salary offered he would be saving time and expense to the applicant.—F. A. WALKER, Burton Avenue, Tynemouth.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. S. C. Sumner.

Rates and Empty Houses.

The Minister of Health is to introduce a Bill into Parliament to enable Local Authorities to take all existing houses held vacant for sale only, and convert them into dwellings or flats for the working-classes. This will thrust more expense on the already overburdened ratepayer. If a "Business Parliament" would authorise Local Authorities to charge RENTAL RATES on any place kept vacant "for sale" only, over 10,000 houses would immediately be "let"—not, as at present, paying not a cent to the rates of the district while remaining unoccupied.—S. J. DURKAN, Worcester Street, Gloucester.

Banned by the Bolsheviks.

The Bolshevik element in our midst hate sport; it keeps men too level-headed. They never hold their meetings near a football match or race meeting, as it would be too dangerous—to themselves. Try and imagine Lenin or Trotsky owning a Derby winner, or presenting the Cup at a Football Final—you cannot; it would be just as absurd as Bolshevik ideas are impossible.—STANLEY C. SUMNER, Badminton Road, Bristol.

"Underground" Propaganda.

Huge and expensive posters exhibited on every station of the Underground Railways purport to explain the necessity of the recent increases in fares. It would have been much more satisfactory to the travelling community if the money spent on this ludicrous advertising had been diverted to the production of more rolling stock; or for the issuing of a plain financial statement showing the actual receipts and outgoings for the last six months, to enable the public to form a proper opinion of the real state of affairs!—C. J. PERCY BROWN, St. Helen's Gardens, Notting Hill, London.

Night Medical Service.

Paris has given a lead in restoring her Night Medical Service, which every city and town in Britain ought to adopt. In Paris, doctors are in waiting at the Prefecture of Police, and when a local station telephone through, one of them immediately dashes off by car to the address indicated. There is a fee of 15 francs, but in cases of indigence the charge is remitted.—G. ADAMS, Torry, Aberdeen.

"Grace" for Grocers.

Now that the price of sugar is to be reduced, the shopkeepers are allowed 14 days so that they may clear their present stock at the high price. But when the sugar rose to the present level, no grace was allowed to the public to purchase the stock at the lower rate. Why is it that the shopkeepers are permitted to obtain the benefit in both cases, and the consumer not considered at all?—H. REYNOLDS, Davey Road, Birmingham.

Endowment by Increment.

Why not a National Superannuation Scheme which would in time replace the present Old Age Pension? Have a suitable minimum and maximum weekly or monthly payment, and after a certain number of years, or age limit, the person becomes entitled to a corresponding weekly pension. Most people would prefer this to the present miserable charitable "dole" which the Government term an Old Age Pension.—JOHN E. HUMPHREY, Overcliff Road, Lewisham.

The Wrong Way.

While the Government are spending thousands of pounds in advertisements and picture propaganda against venereal disease, they discourage marriage in the lower ratings of the Army and Navy. Would it not be better to encourage marriage in the two Services, and give the wives sufficient to live on and bring healthy, strong children into the world? The majority of men would be happy to marry, and know that they have a comfortable home to come to when on leave. It would save them from temptation; and the Government would then be economising, for prevention is cheaper as well as better than cure.—A. MURRAY, Castlemain Rd., Peckham.

All correspondence relating to financial matters should be addressed to the City Editor.

JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

Each enquiry must bear name and address and be accompanied by a Postal Order for One Shilling.

Treasury Bonds.

In the six months or so during which they were on tap, the first series of Treasury Bonds produced the insignificant total of 11½ millions, although the rate of interest on them is 7 per cent. at present, and cannot fall below 5 per cent. Another lot can now be bought on exactly the same terms, except that the first half-year's interest (at the rate of 7 per cent.) will be paid on May 1 next. It came as somewhat of a surprise to me to learn that these bonds have been more favoured by the small than the large investor. I should have thought it would be the other way about, but as I have been at pains to explain the attractiveness of the bonds to the multitude, perhaps that has something to do with the result.

P. and O. Dividend.

It is not often in these days that the Stock Exchange gets such a pleasant surprise as that afforded by the P. & O. dividend. For a variety of reasons the market would have been fairly content if last year's dividend of 12 per cent. had been repeated. But the distribution is made up to 15 per cent., tax free (equal to 21½ per cent., less tax), and in addition there is again a scrip bonus of about 6 per cent. It is a notable achievement, and dealers signalled their pleasure by hoisting the price 50 at one jump.

Water Board Loan.

Just a year ago the Metropolitan Water Board made an issue of £2,500,000 in 5½ per cent. "C" stock at 96. Now it is offering a similar amount of the same security at 92. The yield is as near 6 per cent. as makes no difference, and if allowance is made for redemption at par between 1929 and 1939, the return is raised to practically 6½ per cent. Of course, the investment is an excellent one, but it is perhaps a pity that the issue should be necessary at the present moment, when there are so many other claims on the money market.

Bank's Bad Behaviour.

A correspondent sends me a bitter complaint about the inconvenience caused by the practice of the Bank of England in not issuing counterfoils of dividends in the various War Stocks. Owing to conversions, etc., it is very difficult to ascertain how much dividend is paid and how much income tax is deducted, while the Inland Revenue authorities raise all sorts of obstacles when a claim for refund of tax is put in without a proper voucher. Irritating formalities of that sort do much to discourage investment in Government securities, and it is up to the Bank to set a good example. It is already difficult enough for the public to get refunds of Income Tax.

Rivoli Cinemas.

This company has secured a valuable site in the Whitechapel Road, in the midst of a densely populated neighbourhood, and a high-class picture theatre is now in course of erection. It is believed that it will be the largest in London, and it is anticipated that the place will be completed and opened to the public early in the New Year, so that there will be little delay in commencing to earn revenue. The capital is £200,000 in £1 shares, of which 150,000 are offered for subscription at par. As the site has been purchased on what appears to be very favourable terms, the company should do well.

What For?

A concern, called the British Automobile Equipment Co., is in liquidation, and the Ministry of Munitions figures as a creditor for some £6,550. Apparently there will be little or no dividend, and the bulk of the money must be regarded as lost. It would be interesting to know how a bad debt of this kind came to be incurred when there were scores of solid firms capable of doing the work and delivering the goods. Anyway, how does the Ministry come to figure as a creditor?

(Financial Letter Bag is unavoidably held over, but correspondents enclosing the necessary fee are answered direct by post.)

A Copy of the Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The special permission of the Committee of the London Stock Exchange for dealing in these Shares after allotment will be applied for.

The Subscription List will close on or before the 15th day of November, 1920.

RIVOLI CINEMAS LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1901 to 1917.)

CAPITAL - £200,000,
Divided into 200,000 Shares of £1 each.

THE LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LIMITED
(Eastern Branch), 130, High Street, Whitechapel, Head Office and Branches, are authorised as Bankers of the Company to receive applications for
150,000 SHARES AT PAR.

The balance of 50,000 Shares (less the seven signatories Shares issued for cash) will be issued to the Vendors or their nominees as fully paid in part satisfaction of the purchase price.

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

2s. 6d. on Application. 5th October 15th December, 1920.
5s. 0d. on Allotment. 7s. 6d. on 15th January, 1921.

DIRECTORS.

ALEXANDER THOMAS CRUICKSHANK, 14, Bon Accord Square, Aberdeen, Director of East of Scotland Trust Limited (Chairman).
CHARLES ALFRED UNDERWOOD, F.C.I.S., Capel House, New Broad Street, E.C.
MAJOR FRANK ANTHONY LABOUCHERE, 15, Draycott Avenue, Sloane Square, S.W.
DAVID MORRIS, 21, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.; Surveyor.
MOSES COHEN, 27, Mapesbury Road, Brondesbury, N.W., Cinema Manager, Director of Palaeum Limited (Managing Director).
ISAAC LEWIS, 17, Springhill, Clapton, Cinema Manager, Director of Palaeum Limited (Managing Director).

BANKERS.

LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK LIMITED
(Eastern Branch), 130, High Street, Whitechapel;
Head Office: 41, Lothbury, E.C., and Branches.

BROKERS.

TRITTON, LABOUCHERE & CARO, 33, Old Broad Street, E.C.

SOLICITORS.

SLAUGHTER & MAY, 18, Austin Friars, E.C.

AUDITORS.

KEMP, SONS, SENDELL & CO., 36, Walbrook, E.C.

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE.

WILLIAM GEORGE UNDERWOOD, Capel House, New Broad Street, E.C.

THE COMPANY has been formed for the purposes mentioned in its Memorandum of Association, and particularly for the purpose of acquiring from Messrs. Moses Cohen, Isaac Lewis and David Morris, the Vendors, the partially constructed Theatre adjoining St. Mary's Underground Railway Station in the Whitechapel Road, and of completing and equipping and carrying on the same as a high-class Cinema Theatre. Building is proceeding uninterruptedly under the direction of the architects, Messrs. Adams & Coles, pending the completion of the purchase.

The Cinema Theatre, which it is believed will be the largest in London occupies a commanding position in the closely populated district of Whitechapel, undoubtedly one of the best picture centres in existence. It has been estimated that £33,000,000 annually are spent in Cinema Theatres by the Public in England alone.

It is anticipated that the Theatre will be completed and opened to the Public early in the new year.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Offices or from its Bankers, Brokers or Solicitors, or from Messrs. Syrett & Sons, 45, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., Solicitors for the Vendors, or from the Office, Rivoli Cinema, adjoining St. Mary's Underground Railway Station, E.

A Copy of this Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Application will be made to Stock Exchange for special permission to deal in these Shares after Allotment.

The Subscription List will close on or before Friday, November 12th, 1920.

MAPPIN & WEBB, Ltd.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED MAPPIN BROS.

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1907.)

JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS, CUTLERS, ELECTROPLATE

AND DRESSING BAG MANUFACTURERS

SHARE CAPITAL - £1,500,000.

DIVIDED INTO

Authorised

Already issued or included in present issue:

£20,000 8 Per Cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each	£20,000	£20,000
£20,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£20,000	£20,000
	£1,500,000	£1,500,000

There is also an issue of £250,000 4½ Per Cent. First Mortgage Debenture Stock, against which a Sinking Fund for the redemption of such Stock has been created, amounting, at the 31st December, 1919, to £28,767 8s. 0d.

PRESENT ISSUE

200,000 8 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each at par
200,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each at £1 2s. 0 per Share.

Applications from existing Shareholders, Debenture Stock Holders, the Staff, Customers, and also from Manufacturers who supply the Company with Merchandise will receive special consideration.

LONDON JOINT CITY AND MIDLAND BANK, LTD. Head Office, 5, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.2, 196 and 198, Oxford Street, London, W.1, and other Branches.

LLOYD'S BANK, LIMITED, 72, Lombard Street, London, E.C.3 (and Branches) and—

THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL AND UNION BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED, 15, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2 (and Branches)—

are authorised by the Company as its Bankers to receive applications for—

200,000 8 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each at par,

and

200,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each at £1 2s. 0d. per Share.

payable as follows:—

		Preference.	Ordinary.
On Application	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.
On Allotment	5s. 0d.	5s. 0d.	5s. 0d.
On 14th December, 1920	12s. 6d.	12s. 6d.	12s. 6d.
	20s. 0d.	20s. 0d.	20s. 0d.

* Including the premium of 2s. per share.

Payment in full may be made on allotment and interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum will be allowed on such pre-payment.

The Preference Shares carry a fixed cumulative Preferential Dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the Capital paid up in priority to any dividend on the Ordinary Shares and to Preferential repayment of Capital in a winding-up, but do not carry any further right of participation in the Profits or Assets.

The dividend on the Preference Shares will be payable half-yearly, on the 1st October and the 1st April in each year, calculated to the 30th June and the 31st December respectively. The first dividend on the Preference Shares now offered for subscription will be payable on the 1st April, 1921, and will be calculated on the amount paid up from the respective due dates of the instalments to the 31st December, 1920.

The first dividend on the Ordinary Shares now offered for subscription will be paid at the same time as the final dividend on the existing Ordinary Shares in April next. The dividend payable will be at the same rate as paid for the year 1920 on the existing Ordinary Shares, calculated on the amount paid-up from the respective due dates of the instalments, to the 31st December, 1920.

After payment of the final dividends for the year 1920 the Shares now offered will rank "pari-passu" with the existing shares.

DIRECTORS.

WALTER J. MAPPIN. WILLIAM HARRIS, Chairman. STANLEY A. MAPPIN.
W. THORPE HADDOCK. HERBERT J. MAPPIN. ALBERT E. BASSETT.

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SOLICITOR.

W. G. A. EDWARDS, 3, Coleman Street, London, E.C.2.

BROKERS.

ROWE, SWANN AND CO., 23 and 25, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2, and Stock Exchange.
SELBY AND CO., King's Chambers, Sheffield, and Stock Exchange.

AUDITORS.

FREDK. B. SMART AND CO., Chartered Accountants, 22, Queen Street, London, E.C.4.

SECRETARIES AND REGISTERED OFFICE.

FREDERICK WAITE, F.C.S.I., B. J. J. TYLDESLEY, A.C.A., 158-162, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for Shares may be obtained at the Registered Offices of the Company, and from the Company's Bankers, Solicitor, Brokers, and Auditors.

TOMMY, JACK, AND BADGERS.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean chicanery, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Hours to Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

Congratulations:—The supporters and Committee of the Disabled Soldiers and Sailors Workshops Association must be proud of the great work they have done and are doing for our demobilised men. We congratulate Sir Frederick Milner and those associated with him in the great movement. They have put many men on their feet as dignified workers.

"A Promise":—Soldiers within two years of discharge were promised that they would not be sent out to India. Yet scores and scores with shorter service before them have been sent and are being sent. Once there, they will have to serve an extra year before being discharged. The Kaiser must be jealous of the number of bits of paper we have torn up.

Another Scrap of Paper:—The Government offered a bounty of £100 to wireless operators who joined the Signal Company of the Royal Engineers, and enlisted many men on those terms. Now they tell some of them that they cannot have the money because they have not had a trade test, and that their test for the £100 does not count!

But There!—Other scraps of paper have been torn up. Many thousands of men re-engaged in the Army on the printed assurance on their papers that the separation allowances to their wives and dependents would be continued. All was well until Sept. 28th, when the notice went forth that the allowance from husband to wife would be cut down—owing to the princely pay now given to the soldier?—and that the allowance granted from son to parent would be abolished. Instead of plunging the relatives of our soldiers into penury, the Treasury—for they are responsible—should cast their eyes around the departments, ministries, and all the rest of it and cut down the tremendous unnecessary expenses that are a howling shame, and a big load on the taxpayer's shoulders.

Good-bye, M.G.C.:—We are informed that the Machine Gun Corps has died as a separate entity, becoming an adjunct of the Tanks Corps. Have the brain-wavers at the War Office considered the gravity of the consequences which may follow this decision?

Birdmen's Biscuits:—Cannot the O.C. the Baldonnell camp, outside Dublin, give his men something better than army dog biscuits to eat? We are aware that some soldiers who went to a bakery in the city were shot; but surely this fact has not frightened the commandant of the camp from sending out for a few loaves as modest "comforts" for the men.

Christmas Leave:—Soldiers in Ireland feel bitter because they are not to obtain Christmas leave. We are full of sympathy for them; but they must remember that if general leave were given the garrison would be dangerously weakened—which would not do at the present time. We are sure the boys will carry on with their usual stout hearts.

The "White Men's" Burden:—At Darlington the Insurance Committee has suddenly embarked on an economy stunt. A number of male clerks are to receive the order of the boot. They were engaged on the permanent staff in 1913, were granted "leave" for the war, and reinstated on return. Now they are to go. But all the female clerks remain—not even one is to be sacrificed on the altar of economy. On the contrary, it is proposed to increase their salaries, and to engage some "temporaries." Quite probably the staff will cost more!

Our Daily "Thank You."—From C. W., Shrewsbury:—"Many thanks for securing my rights for me. I tried for months with no success, but you succeeded in a few days. Please accept enclosed small contribution to your fund."

SPORTING NOTES.

RACING SELECTIONS.

LIVERPOOL—WEDNESDAY.

Becher Chase—THOMOND.
Knowsley Nursery—SILVER IMAGE.
Lancashire Handicap—HARRIET.
Liverpool St. Leger—*SILVERN.

LIVERPOOL—THURSDAY.

Grand Sefton Chase—THE BORN.
Croxteth Plate—SUNNY RHYME.
Witherslack Nursery—PHARPAR.
Duchy Stakes—*COUNT ROSS.

LIVERPOOL—FRIDAY.

Abbeystead Hurdle—*DOUBLE UP.
Downe Nursery—PRINCESS OF MARB.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—CHUETTE.

LIVERPOOL—SATURDAY.

November Hurdle—VOXOL.
Valentine Chase—ALWAYS.
Grosvenor Cup—*REDHEAD.
Liverpool Nursery—OXENDON.

The Boxing Boom.

There is every indication of a very big boom in boxing this winter. It may be said to commence on November 19th, with the Kid Lewis and Basham contest at the Albert Hall, under the auspices of Major Arnold Wilson, who has been good enough to place his organisation at the disposal of the "JOHN BULL BOYS," on their making their debut; also at the Albert Hall on the following Friday, November 26th, when a first-class programme will be staged. Then will come the Beckett and Moran match on the 10th December, under Major Wilson's management, and this will be followed, at the same hall on 21st December, by another contingent of the "JOHN BULL BOYS," who will be meeting the best available talent. So that between now and Christmas boxing enthusiasts will have plenty to occupy them.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the SPORTING LIFE.)

"The Greatest of These—"

(Registered under the War Charities Act as the JOHN BULL War Sufferers' Fund.)

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

A Common Case:—Discharged from the Army, a man was out of work for seven months. He got a job as labourer at a small wage; but, just as he had broken down owing to illness, his wife had to enter hospital, leaving him with two children.

Died in the "House":—An aged widow died in the workhouse, and it looked like a pauper's funeral. Her daughter, widow of a soldier, asked us to prevent this disaster, and we did so.

How Do They Live?—An ex-Tommy has a wife and six children. He could not get work, and had nothing to live on save his memory of valiant deeds. The bulk of his property had gone to the pawnbroker to provide food.

The Widow's Plight:—A widow with two little boys had a fairly comfortable business before the war; but like so many other businesses at that period it collapsed and faded away. Now she is destitute, but remembered us.

Slightly Better Off:—A few degrees better off than some of his comrades is an ex-soldier who has a wife and five little ones to feed. He lives on the out-of-work donation, plus a few shillings earned by one of his boys weekly.

Began Young:—A lad joined the Army in his young teens. He fought, came out, and married—but we must not blame him for that! He is now unable to find work, and his girl-wife is about to be confined.

OUR GREATEST HEROES STARVING.

The coal strike is over. The nation is thankful; we are extra thankful. Even during the short time it lasted many thousands of men were thrown out of work and with their families found themselves in the maelstrom of distress and want. The result to us was increased demands, which we met as well as we could, thanks to your generosity. Consequently our small balance at the bank has been badly eaten into. Last week, we sent out nearly £100; during the previous week we dispensed almost an equal sum. Tot up our published list of weekly subscriptions and ask yourself how long it can last.

You read our sermonettes in each issue. We tell you of the distress that has overspread the land like a pall. We mention the armies of men who cannot obtain work; of the nakedness, the hunger, the disease, and, too often, the deaths of the uninsured—the common, too common, cases presented to us for assistance. Not for circulation or any other commercial reason do we conduct this charitable movement, which means to us much work and not a little expense. We have deep sympathy with the underdog and those who are unfairly treated, as our columns show. But, over and above that, we have an intense feeling for the distressed and starving who live in a cloud of anguish—the "submerged tenth" who are too little thought about by those lucky ones whose minds are only absorbed by the work of the day. We are living among and clearing away the wreck and the debris of the world's greatest war; meanwhile the demigods who did such great and heart-stirring deeds in the war are back, and a large proportion of the men who even won extra decorations for gallantry, for volunteering to face death in a dozen forms, are starving with their families.

We reiterate that not one halfpenny sent in to us goes to any official, and that we very cheerfully bear the whole expense—which is not small—of sending your donations to homes that are darkened by destitution, and too often by black despair.

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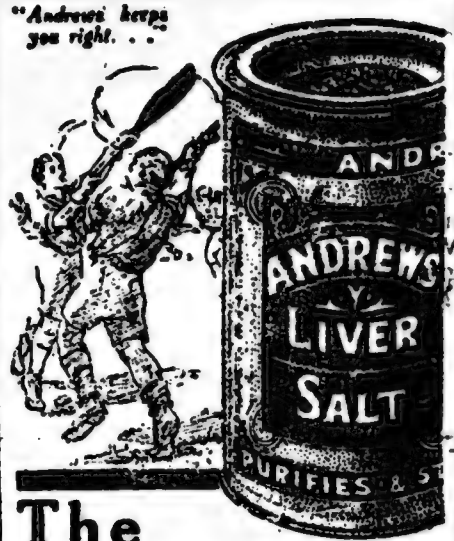
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- E. A. F. (Hawkeshead).—"Oh, I wish this dreadful unrest were settled!" So say all of us.
- Mrs. M. W. (Hamilton).—"My husband is one of the many who are on strike against their will." Thus do the innocent suffer for the guilty; and the most guilty are the Government.
- M. E. K. (Liverpool).—"Only a presumptuous idiot dare say that communication between the living and the dead is impossible. With an open mind we await proof more convincing than that supplied by mediums."
- E. W. W. (Taunton).—"The Post" is certainly funny with its photo of "Russian workers assembled for the voluntary, unpaid Saturday labour." Voluntary!—and bang in front of them is the armed guard!
- J. R. (St. Pancras).—"So long as we have such damned asses as you inside and outside Parliament we must have these strikes." Do you know, that never occurred to us before?
- "J. B. READER" (Gloucester) thinks our article on the strike ought to make the miner sit-up and think. Judging our letters, it has made some of him sit up and curse.
- H. C. (Epsom).—"Thanks for suggestion, but it is hardly necessary to circulate our articles in pamphlet form by aeroplane. Everybody who really matters reads JOHN BULL."
- "WORKING MAN'S WIFE" (Guildford).—"Sorry if you are not pleased with our conduct as an M.P. Perhaps you would like to coach us a bit."
- BRIDGET J. (Holland Park).—"We were amused by the advt. in the Times, inserted by 'One Dog and Two Sporting Old-Maids, on the cheery side of 40,' for an 'outdoor post.' But 'the cheery side of 40' is a bit ambiguous. Although three score, we claim to be on that side ourselves."
- H. G. (Maldenhead Thicket).—"re your article, I reckon it read fine." Hope you were not out in your reckoning.
- A. E. W. (Wellingborough).—"Dorchester Working Men's Club handed over 25 guineas to each of three local war heroes unable to work through grievous injuries. Good luck to the Club—and to the men!"
- H. A. (Clapham Common).—"We cannot tell you whether the Lord Chancellor is related to the F. E. Smith who in the 70's wrote 'Minnegrey.' Why not ask him? So far as we can recollect, we have never heard him mention Minnie."
- "VAINCRE" wants to know the occasion on which "only six members on the Labour side were present to vote on an important Bill or debate." This has happened frequently. Drop in one night and count them.
- N. P. H. (Chesterfield).—"We cannot say how many women workers are at present employed in the War Office, Admiralty, and other Government Departments, but are pleased to say that it is a rapidly diminishing quantity, thus making way for ex-Service men."
- "REGULAR READER."—"Between ourselves, old son, if we were paid piece rates we should be as rich as Rockefeller and Leverhulme rolled into one."
- G. W. S. (Hackney, E.).—"I hope you will excuse me if I have made a mistake in writing to you." It is those who do not write to us who make the mistake.
- G. E. (West Hampstead).—"Your joke to hand. Our merriment shook the rafters."
- "HACKNEY VOTER." (London, E.).—"Sylvia Pankhurst was open enough to publish what was in her heart." Do you suggest, therefore, she should have had the O.B.E.?
- M. K. (Holsworthy).—"So many Union men who profess only to 'fight for their rights,' conveniently overlook the fact that the employers have their rights also."
- E. E. (West Derby).—"Agreed that your case 'constitutes a scandal,' but what can we do if you mark it 'Private and Confidential'?"
- "BROTHER MASON" (Nottingham).—"We do not quite follow your differences with General Booth. You don't surely mean to suggest that he pinched your Sunday hat?"
- P. C. (Hammersmith).—"We have frequently 'had our attention called to the restaurant business'—especially by thirsty friends."
- R. H. (Montreal).—"No mistake, they make you pay for your drinks on the White Star route. Such charges are accurately described as 'robbery on the high seas.'"
- G. H. M. (Edinburgh).—"It cost your city £40,000 to try to amalgamate with Leith. One item, according to *Evening Dispatch*:—'Town Clerk's fee fun account (business charges) £8,500.' Even nowadays lots of fun can be had for that fee."

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"ONE OF THE WORKERS" (Ludgershall).—"Football, Cricket, and Hockey Leagues. Why can't there be Leagues for work as well as play?" There wouldn't be any gate money.

T. D. (Plumstead).—"Unfortunately, the law is 'a ass,' and penalises the Old Age Pensioner who has not enough to live on and wishes to add to his income by a little light work."

B. H. (Portmadoc) sends us a cadging letter he has received from an Obuassie nigger who wants "one pocket Holy Bible and Hymn Book" in return for native goods to satisfaction. Get the goods first.

Mrs. W. (Pendlebury).—"Thanks for explaining your point of view as a miner's wife. Always glad to hear from the missus."

"Daily Herald Supporter" (London).—"The fool is wise in his own conceit."

C. L. H. (Southend).—"We've heard of a line called the datum. Like the equator it's imagination; A Government ruse, Miners claim to refuse. Is to us this old line but to bait 'em." Six months hard, you.

A. Z. C. (Panama Canal Zone).—"You don't seem to realise that America saved England." We don't. Read "A Square Deal," by one of your countrymen.

"MYSTIC" (Glasgow).—"I have received a communication by automatic writing, 'Beware of this Prohibition Campaign.' It does not need spirits to warn us about the spirits. Any old writing will do."

S. R. G. (Felixstowe).—"Pull up. Enough is better than a bucketful."

H. S. (Tonge).—"I dashed off these few lines about India." Dash it.

"WARWICK" (Nuneaton).—"I am writing the railway companies and the automatic companies that the multitude of pennies collected by their scrap machines should be handed over to your J.B. charity." Thanks.

Mrs. H. (Harehills).—"I am sending you a cutting. I think it very funny." We don't think.

"READER" (Sheerness).—"What right has the Church of England to oppose the Divorce Bill?" The same right as it has to oppose any other.

T. F. W. (Brussels).—"Sadly afraid that reparation money from Germany will be a long time coming. It would be unwise to depend upon it."

C. A. (East Finchley).—"Be kind enough to settle the following question: Which names are the most popular at the present time?" You can bet on a couple that begin with an H and a B.

"ANTI-PUSSYFOOT" (London).—"The whisky we are drinking is as weak as mothers' milk." True, old so, although at our age the lacteal juice might be less palatable.

"ADMIRER" (Chelsea).—"Why did your friend state, when advertising for a cook, 'No Irish Roman Catholics need apply'?" Pity to let sectarian prejudice run loose in the kitchen.

J. D. (Trewn).—"Everything pure is set in thorns." Sounds as if you could write a new Bible.

G. C. (Belfast).—"Sorry cannot follow you. You should have written larger or enclosed a magnifying glass."

J. B. K. (Glasgow).—"I wonder where Harry Lauder is?" Probably roaming in the gloamin'.

T. L. (Bury).—"A very sane, and enlightening letter on the coal strike question, but you fail to convince us that the miners were justified in striking—however just their claims."

A. R. (Leyton).—"We understand rates at Leyton are as high as 28s. for the year. And the Council is planning more extravagances."

Mr. C. W. HOLMES (191, High Street, Lincoln) the winner of the first prize in "Bullets" Competition, No. 892, informs us that his lack of success had been the cause of much good-natured chaff, but that now he holds the whip-hand over his critics. The winning effort was entirely his own work. Congratulations.

"HOUSEMAID" (Arundel).—"Cannot see why anyone should 'pass you with scorn.' Perhaps things might be better if you carried a gladder eye."

M. S. (Bradford).—"Get an ice bag and think! Try a nosebag and ruminate."

S. L. H. (Westminster).—"Now-a-days, employment is a disgrace to the nation." Stick an "un" in front of it, old dear, and we are with you all the time.

"TOM, DICK AND HARRY" (Milton).—"As you wished, we 'edited your bit of news'—but when we had done with it, there was nothing left."

Mrs. L. (Cardiff).—"Your article ('Should We Forgive?') is both vulgar, unreasonable and hypocritical. If I was a German I should smack you in the face with your forgiveness." Which, of course, would not be in the least vulgar.

"SAPPER" (Palestine).—"Excessive charges to our troops in Palestine. Nothing can be had for less than one piastre (2d.). JOHN BULL costs 2 piales. Even then some of the boys don't think it dear."

"W.O. CLERK."—"Because you found a beetle in your potatoes at a restaurant the other day, you now thoroughly inspect your food before eating, and 'make a complete turnover.' You seem to have solved the riddle, 'What made the apple turn over?'"

"EX-SOLDIER'S WIFE" (Wantage).—"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's good fortune."

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

WHAT OUR READERS SAY ABOUT THE "JOHN BULL" PEN.

Dear Sir.—It would no doubt interest you to know that I have used practically every Fountain Pen on the market, and in every case it was demolished at an early date, either for inefficiency or bad behaviour. As a last resort I purchased one of your "JOHN BULL" Pens, and it is giving every satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,

GEO. CHAS. CLARK (Capt.),
Editor "Ideal Home."

"JOHN BULL" Pen Coupon, Value 2d.

By sending this coupon with P.O. for 3/6, and 2d. stamps for postage, the holder is entitled to receive a "John Bull" Gold Nibbed Fountain Pen, STANDARD MODEL. Additional Coupons up to 6 from "John Bull" from this date, may be saved and used in part payment, each counting as 2d. off the price. Thus you may send 7 coupons and P.O. for 2/3 only, and 2d. stamps for postage.

DE LUXE MODEL, 1/3 Extra.

Address, Pen Dept., JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. 13th Nov., 1920.

P.O.s should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed & Co.

N.B.—State whether you prefer a Fine Medium or Broad Nib.

SEND FOR YOURS TO-DAY.

DON'T FUSS WITH MUSTARD PLASTERS!

Miller's Musterole Works
Without the Blister—
Easier, Quicker.

There's no sense in mixing a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can easily relieve pain, soreness or stiffness with a little clean, white Miller's Musterole.

Miller's Musterole is made of pure oil of mustard and other helpful ingredients, combined in the form of the present white ointment. It takes the place of mustard plasters, and will not blister. Many doctors and nurses use Miller's Musterole and recommend it to their patients as highly effective.

Miller's Musterole usually gives prompt relief from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

2/6 a jar. All chemists.

THOS. CHRISTY & CO.,
4-12, Old Swan Lane, London, E.C.4.



Germ Throwers

are thoughtless people who catch colds, influenza, and other ailments by neglecting to use Germ Throwers. One such person is the cause of a cold. You may have them everywhere, and at this time of the year, especially, it is very necessary to guard against such insanitary people. The most effective defense is NOSTROLINE Nasal Specific. Use it regularly. It kills the germs of colds, influenza, and throat ailments, and prevents infection. It is used successfully by many doctors and nurses. In handy tubes 1/6 & 2/6. Sold in Chemists, or by post 2/6 & 3/6 from Maximum Laboratories, Ltd., 1, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.4.

NOSTROLINE NASAL SPECIFIC.

How to make 2 pairs do the work of 3/4

Your feet will grow larger almost daily—your shoes will too! If you could make 2 pairs do the work of 3 it would be a great saving. At 1/6 each, our FREE BOOK, "SHOES AND THE CARE OF THEM" tells you how—write for it. MAXIMUM SHOE Co. Ltd. 25, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.4.



SELFRIDGE'S NICKEL SILVER SPOONS AND FORKS



Wonderful offer of finest quality Solid Nickel Silver SPOONS and FORKS, will wear white throughout, Table Spoons or Forks. Usually 9/6. SPECIAL PRICE, a half doz: 4/2. Postage 6d. extra. DESERT SPOONS OR FORKS. Usually 1/6. SPECIAL PRICE, a half doz. 4/2. Postage 6d. extra. TEA SPOONS. Usually 1/6. SPECIAL PRICE, a half doz. 3/6. Postage 6d. extra. Selfridge & Co., Ltd., London, W.1. Basement.

One Egg and Bacon
may cost you 10d.—
in Quaker Oats you
get nearly

7 times as much FOOD

value for the same
money ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT STANDARD

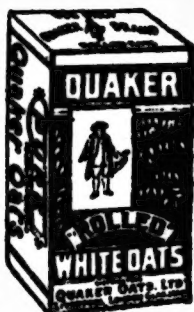
Quaker Oats for breakfast will
cut down your food bills—a
large plateful costs only about
a halfpenny.

Quaker Oats is richer in body
building protein than eggs or
bacon, and it is altogether a
much more balanced food.
Every thin flake is full of
nourishment, and, being free from
husk, is easily digested.

No other food solves the high
cost of living problem so
perfectly, and so delightfully too
—as Quaker Oats.

Breakfast ready in five minutes. See full
directions on top of each Quaker Oats packet.

Sold only in sealed
packets to protect
purity and flavour.



Keep on the safe side—
and fit
DUNLOP MAGNUMS
for autumn riding.

GRAVES OF SHEFFIELD

Write for patterns, post free, of Overalls, Suits, Coats, Pajamas, Macintoshes, etc., or Catalogues of Footwear, Wool Scarfs, Drapery, Ladies' and Children's Clothing, Sheffield Cutlery, Gramophones and Records, Tea and Dinner Services, Bedsteads, Bedding, Sewing Machines, Cycles, Tyres, Carpets and Linos, Fostery & Appliances, etc. Grand values. EASY 1/6 GRAVES LTD. SHEFFIELD. TERMS

WE BUY ANYTHING

Buyers Sent or Highest Prices by Return Post. For Ladies' or Gents' Discarded Clothing, Lingerie, Bags, Furmanes, Silver Plate, Jewellery, Teeth, Furs, etc., etc. Satisfaction or Goods returned. We are the largest Buyers by post in the World. O. C. T., 1, DAVIS MANSON'S, ALDGATE, LONDON, E.1. CARriage REFUNDED.

What Kind of Language Do You Use?

Is it polished, forceful, and does it exactly express your meaning—does it stamp you as a person of refinement and standing in the world? Or is it slipshod, ungrammatical and ineffective? "Good English is good business." Professor

Grenville Kleiser, whose Public Speaking Course has been so immensely successful, has perfected an original, practical Postal Course in Good English for busy people who are willing to devote at least 15 minutes' spare-time to it daily—at home.

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cal English and Mental
Efficiency. Write Name in
margin below.
Name & Address

BULLETS' BIG PRIZE

FIRST

£1,000

PRIZE

2,000 POPULAR NOVELS

2nd Prize
£100

10 PRIZES OF **£5**

10 PRIZES OF **£2-10**

50 PRIZES OF **10/-**

200 PRIZES OF **5/-**
1000 PRIZES OF **26**
3000 TARGET PRIZES

3rd Prize
£25

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Forty examples given below. Then give TWO, THREE or FOUR words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any ONE of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 395.

OUR PRINCE'S BRIDE ASK BOTTOMLEY MARGOT ASQUITH AT IT AGAIN MY HAT WHEN SHE LIKES AN OPTIMIST NOT FOND OF WORK LOUNGE SUITS STRIKE VICTIMS	GENERAL TOWNSEND BURNING SHAME NOT IN MY LINE GERMAN AGENTS MOTHER'S HOPEFUL WHAT A CHEEK EMPTY CUPBOARD NO RIGHT HERE NOVEL IDEA BOND OF EMPIRE	THE LABOUR PROBLEM THE EXTREMISTS NEVER SATISFIED MAN FOR US NOTHING NEW ALL THE RAGE ROARING TRADE SELLING OFF A MOVING PICTURE STRONG DRINK	JOHN BULL BOYS MEAN BUSINESS EVERLASTING OLD FLAME REPAIRING HOME TIME WILL TELL WOMAN'S TONGUE THE LATEST THREAT RED HOT CAN'T STOP
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No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 23th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(395) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.

If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 24th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(395) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 395, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 25th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(395) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 26th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(395) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.

Result of Competition No. 393 ("Bullets" Great £1,000 Offer) will be published in next week's issue.

BULLETS RULES. 1. The First Prize will be awarded to the competitor who, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 395.

MARKED MAN NOT JUST NOW OUR YOUNG MAN LOOKING FOR WIFE WON'T HELP A STRAIGHT DEAL TOP HOLE BRINGING THINGS DOWN SOUND ADVICE RECKLESS	ON THE CHEAP NOT RIGHT BY ALL MEANS LADY'S COMPANION EARLY AND LATE WON'T BUDGE AT A STANDSTILL BEST EASY THINKING TWICE EASILY SERVED
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These examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page and must reach us on or before THURSDAY, December 2nd. All coupons so used MUST be clearly marked with the number 395 in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 395, "John Bull," Long Acre London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Forty examples for Competition 395.

RESULT OF OUR TENTH FOOT-BALL COMPETITION.

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct forecast of the 14 matches played on October 30th. The following three competitors each sent a coupon with 12 correct results, and therefore share the prize of £500, each receiving the sum of £166 13s. 4d.:

Mr. H. A. CROCKETT, 30, Garlies Road, Forest Hill, S.E.

Mr. R. ROSS, 1, Hermand Crescent, Edinburgh.

Miss MAY HEWLETT, 85, Camberwell New Road, London.

JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER, anyone above the age of 16 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Marine Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 6s. per annum. **FREE** is the only advantage.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any legal representatives or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated therein, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to **£200**

In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home **£200**

For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye **£200**

For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye **£100**

Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to **£10**

In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 12 weeks **£1 per week**

ORDER FORM

To be filled in by NEWMAGENT.

To..... Newagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed.....

Address.....

Nov. 13, 1930.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept., Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM

Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with.....

.....Newagent, of.....

.....and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee.....

Address.....

Signature of Insured.....

(Mr., Mrs., or Miss).....

Home Address.....

Nov. 13, 1930.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

£1,500

Must be Won

FOOTBALL PRIZE

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

THE sum of £1,500 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 14 matches given. If 14 correct results are not given, the £1,500 will be awarded to the sender of the most correct results, so that in any event this £1,500 **MUST BE WON**. This is the **BIGGEST MUST-DE-WON FOOTBALL PRIZE EVER OFFERED**.

We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. Scottish and Irish readers can compete. Competitors may send in as many coupons as they like.

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL."

Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of JOHN BULL announcing this competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with legible handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,500 (fifteen hundred pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct result of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £1,500 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,500. Should any match not be played to a finish,

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." Only one X must be entered for each match. Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than November 25th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: Football Competition No. 13, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

THE RESULT OF OUR TENTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION APPEARS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE.

FOR A CORRECT OR NEAREST CORRECT FORECAST OF ONLY 14 MATCHES

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, November 25th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, November 25th.

Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
Arsenal v. Middlesbrough				
Bradford v. Aston Villa				
Derby County v. Middlesbrough				
Liverpool v. Newcastle U.				
Preston N. E. v. Tottenham H.				
Sunderland v. Everton				
Coventry City v. Leeds United				
Hull City v. South Shields				
Notts Forest v. Bristol City				
Rotherham C. v. Clapton Orient				
Bristol Rovers v. Southampton				
Norwich City v. Luton Town				
Southend United v. Merthyr Town				
Watford v. Millwall				

Coupons must be cut—not torn out

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

(13) SIGNED ADDRESS

WHEN FOOD UPSETS YOU.

Sound Advice to Dyspeptics.

Food is as important to the sick person as medicine, more so in most cases. A badly chosen diet may retard recovery. Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people are the most popular tonic medicine in the world, harmless and certain in their action, which is to build up the blood and to restore vitality to the run-down system. For girls, who become thin and pale, for pale, tired women, for old people who fail in strength, Dr. Williams' pink pills are an ideal tonic.

Mrs. M. A. Tolfree, of 6, Mount Street, Clarence Square, Gosport, says:—

"I suffered from anæmia and indigestion for years, and gradually got worse, until at length it turned to nervous dyspepsia.

"A friend told me to try Dr. Williams' pink pills, and from the first box I got relief; my appetite picked up, and I found that I could take food without suffering distressing after-effects, and my health became better than it had been for years."

Begin Dr. Williams' pink pills. Get a supply from any dealer; or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 36, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. will send a diet book, "What to Eat and How to Eat." Send a post card to Offer Dept., 36, Fitzroy Square, London W.1.

"MILES AHEAD OF SOAP"

GRE-SOLVENT

INSTANTLY
RESOLVES GREASE & GRIME.

For the hands and the Household.
In Tins at 4d., 6d., and 1/6.



SOLES & HEELS.	Per set
Small Children's ...	2/-
Ladies' and Children's ...	3/-
Youth's (Stout) ...	4/-
Men's (Light) ...	4/6
Men's (Stout) ...	5/6
HEELS ONLY.	
Ladies' ... 1-	Men's Light ... 1/6

Every new pair

—of Boots and Shoes should be fitted with **PHILLIPS' RUBBERS**, then the soles and heels **NEVER WEAR OUT.**

Phillips RUBBERS

"Last the time of three"



BEACON OILSKINS.

will keep you dry always.

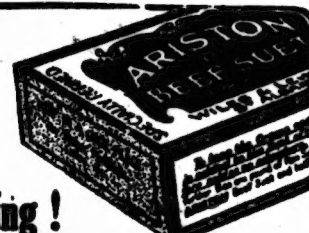
Men's Coats from 25/-, Ladies' from 20/6, Children's from 2/6 (3-year-old size). Adults' 80/-, 100/-, 120/-, 150/-, 180/-, 200/-, 250/-, 300/-, 350/-, 400/-, 450/-, 500/-, 550/-, 600/-, 650/-, 700/-, 750/-, 800/-, 850/-, 900/-, 950/-, 1000/-, 1100/-, 1200/-, 1300/-, 1400/-, 1500/-, 1600/-, 1700/-, 1800/-, 1900/-, 2000/-, 2100/-, 2200/-, 2300/-, 2400/-, 2500/-, 2600/-, 2700/-, 2800/-, 2900/-, 3000/-, 3100/-, 3200/-, 3300/-, 3400/-, 3500/-, 3600/-, 3700/-, 3800/-, 3900/-, 4000/-, 4100/-, 4200/-, 4300/-, 4400/-, 4500/-, 4600/-, 4700/-, 4800/-, 4900/-, 5000/-, 5100/-, 5200/-, 5300/-, 5400/-, 5500/-, 5600/-, 5700/-, 5800/-, 5900/-, 6000/-, 6100/-, 6200/-, 6300/-, 6400/-, 6500/-, 6600/-, 6700/-, 6800/-, 6900/-, 7000/-, 7100/-, 7200/-, 7300/-, 7400/-, 7500/-, 7600/-, 7700/-, 7800/-, 7900/-, 8000/-, 8100/-, 8200/-, 8300/-, 8400/-, 8500/-, 8600/-, 8700/-, 8800/-, 8900/-, 9000/-, 9100/-, 9200/-, 9300/-, 9400/-, 9500/-, 9600/-, 9700/-, 9800/-, 9900/-, 10000/-.

Illustrated List Post Free. Send p.c. for it to BARBOUR, LTD., 67, Beacon Buildings, South Shields, England.

TROUBLE-SOME COUGHS

are quickly cured by **TEASDALE'S CHLORODYNE** the trusted remedy for coughs, colds and pneumonia. From all Chemists, 1/3, 3/ and 5/- per bottle, or direct from Teasdale's Chlorodyne Co., Bradford, Yorks.

No more SUET Chopping!



NO {Preservative, Waste, Impurities.

yet keeps fresh for weeks. Use Blocks for frying, and Shredded in place of Butchers' Suet for all purposes. Can be used to the last grain.

For Nutriment and Economy, use

ARISTON BEEF SUET

To be obtained at all Grocers. Packaged in 1 and 1lb. cans. Also in 5lb. casks. Block 25. Shredded 2d. WILES & LEWIS, Ltd., 84, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.4.

Established over a Century.

GRAVES

With the very best tone, the very best dependability and excellence. Made in our own Sheffield Gramophone Factory & second to none either in appearance or tone perfection. Polished solid Oak Cabinet, powerful and silent Motor, tasteful Art Metal Panel, hand-cromely decorated Horn.

10/- NOW

DELIVERED carriage paid with 12 magnificent 10" Record Selections for 20/- with order. If satisfied the balance is payable in 10 monthly payments of 2/0. Money back in full if dissatisfied. Catalogue Post Free. Write for list of new models. Many terms. J.G. GRAVES & SONS, SHEFFIELD.



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MAKERS
TO
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FOR
NEARLY
200
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"There is
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Food" — Dr.
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The RIGHT Drink for Every Member of the Family.

For the Breakfast, Mid-Day and Evening Meals Fry's Cocoa is most serviceable. It keeps the blood at the right temperature and helps to repel Colds and Chills. It is particularly easy to digest and is a surprising source of strength to those who drink it regularly.

Fry's PURE BREAKFAST Cocoa

*Send no Money —
See the value first*

WONDERFUL RAINCOAT OFFER.

Already 500,000 SARTOR RAINCOATS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED by the public, a sure sign of their wonderful value for money. Here is your opportunity to obtain a Three Guinea Raincoat for 29/6, but send no money now, forward a postcard asking for the PARCELS OF SARTOR PATTERNS, BOOK

29/6

OF STYLES AND SELF MEASUREMENT FORM FREE.

With every SARTOR RAINCOAT goes a complete money-back guarantee in regard to every detail, material, fit, style, etc. Our Workroom-to-Wearer System and our huge purchases of special materials from which SARTOR RAINCOATS are made, enables us to give extraordinary value to the public. Tailored from fully proofed, weather resisting Gabardine, in stylish shades, check lined, each garment bears the hall mark of value.

Sartor Raincoats

SEND THAT POSTCARD NOW TO
SARTOR MANUFACTURING CO.
(Dept. J), 53, Oxford Road, Manchester.



FREE TO THE GREY-HAIRED.

FULL PARTICULARS OF PARIS PHYSICIAN'S DISCOVERY.

Full particulars can now be obtained by readers of a wonderful new method of restoring lost natural colour to the hair, moustache or beard (discovered by a Paris physician). Removes all signs of greyness in a few minutes. Easy and inexpensive. Restores original colour, is long-lasting and undetectable. Reduces appearance of age 10 to 20 years. Restores exact shade of hair before it lost its colour. Does not "paint on," but colours each hair from the centre outwards. Washing the hair, perspiration, sun, wind or rain cause no loss of the restored colour. Worth pounds to every man or woman prematurely aged in appearance by white, grey or going grey hair.

You must look young if you are to secure the chances that lead to success. "INECTO" makes you look young.

Write to-day for Illustrated Booklet No. 46, stating if for Lady or Gentleman, and enclosing ad. in stamps to cover return postage, etc. Or ask your haird-esser — 3,000 use and recommend. Sent in plain sealed envelope from INECTO, LTD., 152, North Audley Street, London, W.1.



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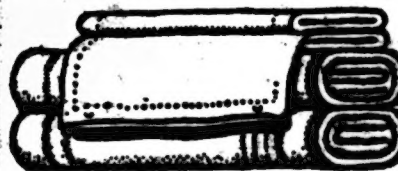
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